

# ABIDE

First Epistle of John

## WEEK TWELVE

### "IN THIS IS LOVE"

#### DAY 1

1. Begin your study time with prayer and read 1 John 4:7-12.
2. What does verse seven tell us about where love comes from?
3. If we do not love, what is true of us according to verse eight?
4. What action did God take on our behalf because He loved us?
5. How would you define the love of God?
6. Assess your own life. How well do you feel you display the love of God to those around you? Think about the people that live in your home, those with whom you work or attend school, and even perfect strangers. Would people define you as loving?
7. Write out this week's memory verse on a notecard or a piece of paper and post it somewhere you will see it often (e.g bathroom mirror, car, desk, kitchen sink, etc.).

#### Scripture Memory:

**"In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."**

~ 1 John 4:10-11

#### I'm praying about:

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## DAY 2

1. Begin your study time with prayer and read 1 John 4:7-12.
2. What does verse eight say that God is?
3. The Bible tells us that God is the very essence of love. It is not an action He performs, rather it His very nature. He is the embodiment of love. How do Exodus 34:6, 1 Chronicles 16:34, Psalm 36:5 and Lamentations 3:22 describe the extent or the vastness of His lovingkindness?
4. What does Romans 8:35-39 say about God's love for us?
5. In Ephesians 5:1-2, who does Paul tell us to imitate and how should we walk? How does God describe the extent to which we are we called to love in John 13:34?
6. Write out this week's memory verse below:

## DAY 3

1. Begin your study time with prayer and read 1 John 4:7-12.
  2. We are called to love in the same manner that God has loved us. God's love is not a feeling, rather it is an action. It is a decision of the will to walk in love. Unlike the world's love, it is not conditional. Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. What, according to these verses, does love do?
  3. According to the verses above, what does love NOT do?
  4. What else, in addition to love, does Colossians 3:12-14 call us to?
  5. Looking at the lists above, which characteristics are most difficult for you to display? Which are hardest to refrain from? Take a moment and ask the Lord to grow you in these areas.
  6. Write out this week's memory verse below:
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## DAY 4

1. Begin your study time with prayer and read 1 John 4:7-12.
2. What does 1 Corinthians 16:14 tell us to do? Think through your actions, words and attitudes. How might they change if you obeyed this verse fully?
3. Looking at yesterday's list from 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, how well do you demonstrate love toward those in your immediate household? How well do you walk in love toward your friends, extended family, co-workers, classmates, neighbors and others with whom you come into contact?
4. If we love as Christ loves who else should we seek the well-being of, according to Leviticus 19:34 and Deuteronomy 10:19? How well do you demonstrate the love of Christ toward this group?
5. Write out this week's memory verse below:

## DAY 5

1. Begin your study time with prayer and read 1 John 4:7-12.
  2. What does Romans 12:9 say should not characterize the love we have for each other? In what ways do we fail to obey this verse?
  3. Loving others as Christ has loved us can be incredibly challenging. Who, according to 1 Thessalonians 3:11-12, enables us to abound in love?
  4. What does John 14:15 say we will do if we truly love God? What command is given to us in Mark 12:31?
  5. We love because we have first been loved by God. God enables us to understand what love is and how love acts. As followers of Christ He we are to love as He has loved us. He loves the unlovely, the unworthy, the unseen, and the unimportant. The love of Christ gives with no expectation of gaining in return. It is unselfish, sacrificial, unmeasurable, and lavishly bestowed upon the recipient. If we could love like this what impact might this have on the world around us? How might it draw lost people to salvation through Jesus Christ?
  6. Write out this week's memory verse below:
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