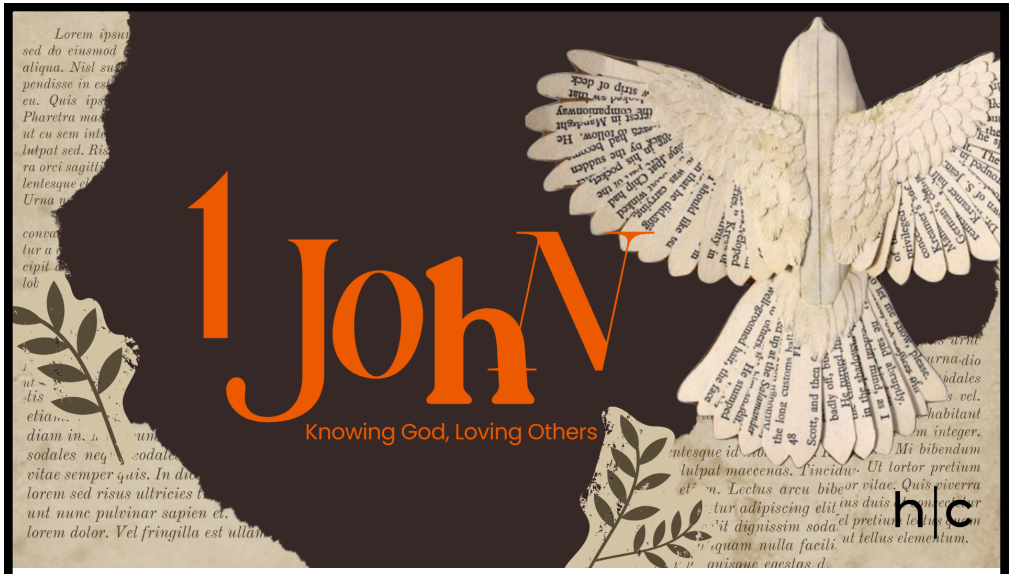

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TODAY'S QUESTION:

What does John want to teach about LOVE?

KEY IDEAS:

1. **God's life is marked by love—He is *love loving*.**
   Jesus is the ultimate example of God's love for you.

2. **Internalizing God's love transforms us.**
   Love fuels discipleship.

3. **Because God loved us sacrificially, we offer sacrificial love to others.** *We learn to give love by first receiving love.*

APPLICATION:

1 John 4:7-21

7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and
whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.
8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because
God is love. 9 In this the love of God was made manifest
among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that
we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we have
loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the
propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we
also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God;
if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is
perfected in us.

13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us,
because he has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen
and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior
of the world. 15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of
God, God abides in him, and he in God. 16 So we have come
to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is
love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God
abides in him.

17 By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have
confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also
are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love, but perfect
love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and
whoever fears has not been perfected in love.

19 We love because he first loved us. 20 If anyone says, "I love
God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not
love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom
he has not seen. 21 And this commandment we have from
him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.