

1 John: God is Love (Week 5)

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Discussion and Questions:

Read 1 John 4:7-21 together.

1. The big idea here is clear - love one another. Describe what that love would look like, especially in cases where the other person makes it hard for us to do so.
2. What do you understand an “atoning sacrifice for sins” in verse 10 to be? Why was it necessary?
3. Look at verse 18. What kinds of fear do you think love drives out? Fear of the dark or spiders, or something bigger? Has anyone had experience of this in your own life?
4. John tells us we love because God first loved us. (Vs 19) How can having an invisible God’s love in our life help us to love others more?
5. In verse 20, John calls those who claim to be a follower of Christ yet hate a brother or sister, a liar. What do you think he meant by hate? Why do so many of us get picky about who we love?
6. Look up John’s gospel chapter 13:34-35 alongside 1 John 4:21. Jesus is serious. Loving others is not optional. Name ways that Jesus showed love to others (John 13:2-5 as an example). What are some ways we can obey this command this week?

Upcoming dates

1. CORE – Tuesday September 26th – 7pm dinner/7.30pm start
2. Camp Survivor – Monday October 2nd – Friday October 6th