

That Love Love that Overcomes the World 1 John 5:1-5

TALK IT OVER

Study Description

Many people like the idea of love, but the word can mean many things to many people. True love is more than a sentimental feeling. It's a love that discerns, it's a love that does not practice sin, and it's a love that will be rejected by the world but will overcome the world. Ultimately, it flows from "That Love" that comes to us from Jesus (1 John 4:10), and hopefully leads us to say, "I want to embody 'that love.'" We'll be looking at John's letters to see what true love looks like and how we can show the world that love.

Passages

"Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?" – 1 John 5:1-5 (ESV)

Start Talking: Process this week as a group. (15 Min)

- What are some highs and lows of the week?
- What's one thing from last weekend's sermon that you hope we talk about as a group?

Head: Think about the text and discuss. (10 Min)

- 1 John 5:1-5. How does belief in Jesus overcome the world?
- What commandments of Jesus does John write about that we should keep? Which ones are hard to obey in our lives?
- How do we share in Christ's victory?

Heart: Share how the text shapes our beliefs. (10 Min)

- What are some things that weigh you down in this world?
- In what ways do you remind yourself that the things of this world are temporary?
- What are some things you are looking forward to when Jesus returns?

Hands: Live out the text. (10 Min)

- How will you let faith overcome fear this week?
- What can you do to remind yourself of His victory over the world?
- Who needs to hear the victory of Christ this week?

Pray with power. (15 Min)

- For suggestions on structuring prayer time, see the *Group Prayer Ideas* page in this packet.

For Trios questions see next page

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Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three. Pick a question. (15 Min)

1. Who is one non-believer or someone without a church home that you need to reach out to this week?
2. What kind of conversations are you having with people you are reaching out to?
3. Is there anything God is leading you to repent of?
4. What's a passage of scripture that has impacted you this week? Read it to the group and explain why.
5. What's something you'd like someone else to check in with you about this week?
6. Pray for one another.