

That Love Love Led not Astray 1 John 2:18-27

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

"Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour. They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us. But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge. I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and because no lie is of the truth. Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also. Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father. And this is the promise that he made to us—eternal life. I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you. But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him."— 1 John 2:18-27 (ESV)

Process with your group about last week. (15 Min)

- What are some Highs or Lows for the week?
- As you reflect on last weekend's sermon, what one principle or insight stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful, or difficult to grasp?

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

- Read 1 John 2:18-27. How does John describe an antichrist?
- What does it mean to be anointed by the Holy One? How does that change the way we encounter those who deny Jesus Christ as Lord?
- What does it mean to abide in Christ? Read John 15:1-17 for more on abiding.

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

- What are some false teachings in today's context? How have they led people astray?
- What are some teachings of the world that seem good, but might be leading others astray? How do we deal with that?
- When was a time that it was hard to believe in Jesus' words above what the world says?

Hands: Live out the text. (10 Min)

- What truths do you need to be reminded of this week?
- Who can you share the truth about the Gospel to this week?
- Take time this week to abide in Christ through prayer, reading Scripture, fasting, or Sabbath rest. Maybe work as a group to carve out time together in your schedules to do this.

Pray with power. (15 Min)

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

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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.