



THE SOURCE OF LOVE

1ST JOHN 4:7-11

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I. Introduction

Because God has loved us first through the saving work of his son, Jesus Christ, all Christians know first-hand the diving love of God in our lives.

II. Graciously Reborn to Know Love (vv. 7-8)

- a. Love is sourced in the Trinity
- b. To know God is to love well

III. Gravitating to God (vv. 9-10)

- a. Visible love
- b. Deserving consequences

IV. Goes Does and We Must (v. 11)

- a. Not an option
- b. The Holy Spirit overcomes our human pettiness

V. Conclusion

The greatest aspect of being created in the image of God is that we have the capacity to love others the way God loves us.



CEFC Sermon-Based Growth Group

Week: November 15, 2020

Title: THE Source of Love

Text: 1st John 4:7-11

Kick Starters...

1. Share your thoughts on why the giving of time is such a precious thing?
2. As a Christian, how have you come to appreciate the value of time with others in your life?

Entertain the text

3. Read the text out loud and discuss/list/highlight any significant words or observations. Make notes in your Bible to help you recall anything important to revisit or pray over. Use cross-Scripture texts as is helpful.

Engage the text

4. Discuss some of the different meanings of the word "love" as used in English.

5. How does love involve: our minds? Or our emotions? Or our actions? Or our affections?
6. How does Christians live out their love for God in regard to life choices, sacrificial living, and relationships?
7. What does it mean that "the evidence of our faith is how we love God and each other?"
8. Discuss the following: Truly loving others has nothing to do with whether or not we like them. (Hint: Seeing people as Jesus does)
9. Complete the following thought for discussion (multiple responses are just fine): 'If God so loved me, then, I...'

Execute the text

10. The fullest expression of loving God is showing the love he has given to you to others. Share a few ways to do that this coming week in your lives.