

OUTLINE & QUESTIONS

LOVE

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1 JOHN 4:7-12

Love is a committed, thoughtful, sacrificial _____.

God created humans out of _____, not for _____.

Love comes alive when it's on the _____.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

ICEBREAKER: What's one movie, book, or song that shaped your idea of love (for good or bad)?

1. Read 1 John 4:7-12 out loud. Give the group a few minutes to jot down observations (themes, repeated words/ideas, truths about God, striking details, questions). Go around the group and have each person share at least one observation, then discuss it.

2. What does it mean that "God is love" (1 John 4:9)? How is that different from saying "love is God"? What does this have to do with the Trinity?

3. 1 John 4:10 gives a definition of love. How would you explain this definition of love to someone who was not a Christian? How is it different from what people often think about love?

4. Why does God loving us make it so that "we also ought to love one another" (1 John 4:11)? What's the link between those two things?

5. In his sermon, Jay Kim contrasted why the true God created humans with why ancient pagan gods created humans. What is the difference and why does it matter?

6. What does it mean to "define yourself radically as one beloved by God" (as quoted in the sermon)? What difference would that make in your life?

7. In his sermon, Jay Kim talked about how people are a complex of "heart, soul, mind, and strength."

8. Why is it important to include all these aspects of being human when talking about love?

9. What can you do this week to experience more of God's love?

10. What can you do this week to express more of God's love to others?

11. Who do you know that needs to hear something from this message? How are you going to share it with them?

PRAYER PROMPT: Go around the group. Have each person pray for someone in their life that they know needs to experience God's love in a deeper way right now.