



"Love Instead of Hate" 1 John 4:7-21

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Connect with each other in joy and concern

- As time allows, general conversation about the sermon is welcomed.

Discussion Questions

- When, in your life, did the concept of love become most clear and obvious to you?
- If love is the ideal, how have you typically determined if it is real?
- Describe how you were taught to give and receive love. (i.e. was it withheld? conditional? co-dependant? violent?) Explore how this has impacted your life and your own expressions of love.
- What is the most complicated context in your life in which you desire to successfully love?
- Who are some people in your life that actively loved you in such a way that you found life, healing, and the ease of hate in your heart? If you are willing, share about those experiences.
- Scriptures teach that God is love, but love is not God. (It is of God). What difference does it make that God is the one that gives shape to love and not the other way around?
- How do you prioritize the flourishing of others beyond your own family and friend group?
- What keeps you connected to the breath and depth of God's love for you?
- How is God inviting you to participate in spontaneous, creative, and selfless acts of love today or this week?

Closing Prayer

