

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS
PROOF | All You Need is Love | I John 4:7-21
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QUICK REVIEW

1. What stood out to you regarding Sunday's sermon? Did anything come up this week that made you think of the message or give you a way to apply it?

MIXER

2. Do you have a rescue story or have you seen a rescue that made an impression on you?

MY STORY

3. Describe a time when the Holy Spirit empowered you to love someone who was unlovable in your own strength.
4. Can you think of a time when you saw someone demonstrate sacrificial love either toward you or someone else?

DIGGING DEEPER

5. Read 1 John 4:7-21. Every time "love" is used in this passage it is the Greek word agape, meaning benevolent, sacrificial, willful love. Contrast this with a different Greek word for love: phileo. This means friendship based on common interests. Why is this distinction important?
6. Agape generally has an outflow. Is it possible to have "agape" love that is merely a feeling and involves little willingness to take action? Why or why not?
7. Are we commanded to "like" everyone by affirming them in their actions? Are we commanded to love (agape) others unconditionally? Give reasons for your answers.
8. Review 1 John 4:9-10. This passage provides perhaps the ultimate example of love. Describe the various aspects of this particular expression of love.
9. Read 1 John 4:16-18. How does perfect love drive out fear? Have you experienced this?

TAKING IT HOME (APPLICATION)

10. 1 John 4:7-21 teaches that the mark of a Christian is love. Identify one or two people to whom you plan to demonstrate agape love this week. What are some ways that you can demonstrate that love?

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- I. What is love?

Agape – a choice of self-sacrificing, even for the undeserving

- II. Where does love come from?

God is LOVE

God is LOVING

Jn. 3:16;
1Jn. 3:16; Rom. 5:8

- III. Why does this love come to me?

God's desire is to EXPRESS His love THROUGH ME

My CAPACITY for loving others is found in my

PERSONAL EXPERIENCE with the love of God

- IV. How can I know if this love lives in me?

I have become CONVINCED of God's love

Eph. 3:17-19

I have expressed a CAPACITY for God's love

Rom 5:5

I have CONFIDENCE in God's love