

Community group questions
1 John 4:7-16

Opening question: Name a favorite love song and/or favorite love story.

Scripture study

- Read 1 John 4:7-8. What do we learn about love from these verses? What is significant about the words that “God is love”? How is God’s kind of love different than our kind of love?

- Read 1 John 4:9-10. What else do we learn about love from these verses? What do these verses tell us about the motive, measure, and cost of love? How is love related to need? What are some practical ways we can show our love to others?

- Read 1 John 4:11-12. How is God’s love made complete in us? What is the connection between love in the church and making God known? How is selfishness at odds with God’s kind of love and how can we overcome it?

- Read 1 John 4:13-16. What needs to happen in us to love as God loves? What difference does it make knowing and relying on His love in us? Discuss this definition of true love: Love is the giving of yourself for the good of others even those who are against you. How can we build our lives on this foundation of love?