

Winter Sermon Series: “I Wanna Know What Love Is”

1 John 4:7-12

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WARM-UP QUESTIONS:

1. Using the lyrics of a pop song you know, share a definition of love.
2. Love must be shown to be understood - share a way that you have been shown love in your life (in healthy or unhealthy ways), and what you have understood from it.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. Read through the 1 John passage. The Apostle John was speaking into a church context where the community was divided. How does he invite them toward unity and solidarity?
2. John points out that love originates from God. Why was this such a revolutionary concept at the time? Is it still revolutionary now?
3. Dr. King said, “Agape does not begin by discriminating between worthy and unworthy people... it begins by loving others for their sake.” Is it possible for us to learn this kind of love, and unlearn more discriminatory patterns and behaviors?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. Reflect on your own relationship with God and your understanding of God’s love for you. Are there concepts about God’s love you understand conceptually, but have not experienced personally? What are actions we can take to make us more open and aware of God’s demonstration of love for us?
2. Take a moment to consider what kind of love do our current actions demonstrate to people around us. Where do we see God working? Where do we need more of God’s intervention?