

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

1 John 4:7-12

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WE LOVE BECAUSE WE'RE LOVED BY GOD WHO GAVE HIMSELF FOR US AND CALLS US TO LOVE IN A WORLDCHANGING WAY

1. WE'RE LOVED BY GOD (1 John 4:7,8)
2. WHO GAVE HIMSELF FOR US (1 John 4:9,10; Romans 5:8)
3. CALLS US TO LOVE (1 John 3:4-6, 11, 4:11; Deuteronomy 6:4,5; Matthew 22:37,38; 1 Peter 1:22, 4:8)
4. LOVE IN A WORLDCHANGING WAY (1 John 4:12; John 13:34-35)

READ AHEAD FOR NEXT WEEK: Romans 12:16-21

MEMORY VERSE: 1 John 4:12

DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. Where does love come from?
2. What's the difference between the statements "love is God" and "God is love"?
3. How does an unloving attitude reveal the nature of your relationship with God?
4. How would you define the love this passage is talking about?
5. What does it mean for Jesus to be the "propitiation" for our sins?
6. How often do you think about Jesus appeasing God's wrath for your sins?
7. How does understanding his "propitiation" help you understand how God loves you?
8. How does this also color how you are to love others?
9. Why does vs. 11 say we "ought to love one another"?
10. What other reasons "ought" we love one another?
11. Why does John mention that "No one has ever seen God..." in vs. 12?
12. How should our love for one another affect the world?
13. How does this passage challenge or encourage you?