



MESSAGE

STUDY GUIDE

GROUP MATERIAL

SONGS

Community Group Material:

Ask one person to pray at the beginning of your meeting.

Check-in

Check in with each other about how everyone is doing.

Bible Reading: 1 John 4:12, 16b-5:3

Sermon Summary:

In this section of verses we read that God is love. That's his very essence. So when he sends his Son Jesus to the earth to rescue people from their sinful lives by dying on the cross (1 Jn. 4:9-10), that is the ultimate expression of God's love. Jesus completed God's love by completing the work he gave him to do. In the verses for today, we're challenged to also complete God's love (1 Jn. 4:12, 17). But how do we do that? John says, 'love one another.' As we do that, God is revealed among us! So what should any Christian community look like? Simply believers loving one another with God's love to such an extent that God himself is revealed to people who don't know God at all. Now that is quite a remarkable mission God has called us on.

Discussion:

1. What does our mutual love with God do for us on Judgment Day (v. 17)? How does that make you feel?

2. What has Jesus done for Christians so they don't have to worry on Judgment Day?
3. Verse 19 says God loved first. Why is it so important to understand this verse correctly?
4. Who does God ask us to love (vv. 21 & 5:1)? Does that challenge you at times? How?
5. What is the dangerous side of Christians just having a one-on-one relationship with Jesus & not engaging with other Christians or attending church?
6. How would you explain the mission of God's love in your own words?
7. Jesus revealed God by loving us. We reveal God by loving others. What can loving others look like?
8. Talk about your experience of loving others.

End with Prayer.

- Pray that we at CIT would lean more & more into loving one another.
- Pray for one another's concerns.