



MESSAGE

STUDY GUIDE

GROUP MATERIAL

SONGS

The Mission of God's Love

Believers are in a Mutual Love Relationship with God (1 Jn. 4:16b-18)

- A. Which gives us confidence on the day of judgment (4:17)
- B. Drives out all fear (4:18)

God first loved us (1 Jn. 4:19-5:3)

- A. God initiates love toward us (v. 19b)
- B. Then we love others (vv. 19a, 21; 5:1-3)
- C. The impossibility of not loving others & thinking we love God (v. 20)

God's Love 'Completed' Through Jesus (Jn. 4:34; 5:36; 17:4)

- A. No one has ever seen God (4:12a; Jn. 1:18a) – God is transcendent
- B. Jesus made God known through completing the work he sent him to do (Jn. 1:18b; Jn. 4:34; 17:4)
- C. Jesus made God's love known through his death (Jn. 3:16; 12:24; 19:30)

God's Love 'Completed' in Us (1 Jn. 4:12, 17-18)

- A. John's use of the word Teleioo means complete, not perfect
 - 1. Not "his love is 'perfected' in us"
 - 2. But, "his love is made complete in us"
 - 3. A better translation of 4:12 & 17 (God's Word translation)
 - 4. God's love was never 'imperfect'
- B. If we love one another, God's love is completed among us (v. 17a)
- C. As we love one another we make God known

- D. As we love one another we have no fear at the Final Judgment (v. 17b)
- E. As we love one another, as Jesus is, so also are we in this world (v. 17c)

The mission of God's love

- A. Jesus was on the mission of God's love
- B. Believers are also on the mission of God's love
- C. God's love is brought to its goal in the believing community
- D. The mission of God's love is to generate love among human beings