

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Sunday, September 22, 2024

1 JOHN 4:7-12 | the Lie of Love Is Love

MAIN IDEA:

God is love - and we know this because of Jesus Christ.

SERMON OUTLINE:

1. Known in our spirit (vv 7-8)
2. Shown in our Savior (vv 9-10)
3. Completed in our connections (vv 11-12)

Pre Questions

1. How does the statement “Love is love” reflect contemporary culture’s view of love?
2. What are the potential dangers of reducing love to a mere emotion or preference, as the phrase might suggest?

QUESTIONS

1. How does the biblical definition of love differ from this cultural perspective? Refer to passages like 1 Corinthians 13 and John 15:13.
2. How do love and truth coexist in the Bible? Why is it essential that they are not separated?
3. How does the Bible call us to love others in a way that includes accountability and correction (see passages like Matthew 18:15-17)? Why might some people view accountability as unloving, and how can we gently correct this misconception within our communities?
4. How can we lovingly engage with those who hold to the “love is love” ideology while staying faithful to biblical truth? How can the church and its members model a love rooted in truth and accountability rather than mere affirmation?