

Sermon Application Study

July 19, 2026

Target Passage: 1 John 4:7-12

1. How should we define love? How does God's character inform us about the nature of true love?
2. What does it mean to be born of God and know God? What other Scripture passages support your interpretation?
3. Many recognize that they aren't consistently loving others well. Does this mean that they don't know God?
4. Why was Jesus' death required as a propitiation for our sins?
5. There are some folks that might be more "hard to love". Does this absolve us of our responsibility to love them consistently?
6. If God's love is already complete, how can it be perfected in us?

Passages for further study: Deut. 10:12-22; John 15:5-17; Romans 5:6-11

For Me

1. How am I demonstrating the love of God towards others in my own daily life?

For the Mission

1. How does our love for others help to proclaim/further the gospel in our community?
2. How are my small group and/or local church tangibly demonstrating love for our community?