

The Heart of the Matter

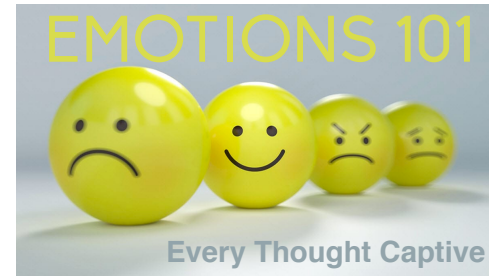
12. In your life when has love from others cast out fear? How has God's love for you through Christ pushed fear aside?

13. Since this passage calls us to do a better job in how we love others, how should you go about it? What is the best way for us to improve (V15-16)?

14. Who do you need to love sacrificially this week? At home? At work? A difficult relationship? What steps do you need to take next?

15. If you are struggling with your love for others, what needs to change in your relationship with God? In your understanding of who God is? In your understanding of what He has already done for you?

Praises and Prayer Requests:



Life Group Study Guide

LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER
1 John 4:7-21
For the Week of May 3, 2020

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. What personality trait or strength did you get from your father? Your mother?
3. Who are the people in your life who have loved you well?

Digging Deeper

4. According to verse 7 what is the source of human love? How is it that God's love can be expressed through humans?

5. According to verses 8-10, how has God demonstrated His love for us? What was the cost of this love?

6. According to verses 11-12 how should God's love for us motivate us to love others? Why is it so easy to focus on receiving love as opposed to extending love?

7. From verses 8-15, what do we learn about the relationship between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? What about their relationship to us?

8. The word "abide" ("lives in", NIV) appears throughout verses 12-16. What is John trying to communicate in this letter about the importance of love in our relationship with God?

9. How does the message that God's love casts out (drives out, NIV) fear in verse 18 relate to the teaching that God is light from 1 John 1:5?

10. From verse 19, why is it a lie to say you love God but do not show love to your brother?

11. Is the love that is discussed in this passage an action or a feeling? What does this tell you about love?