



## LOVE

## 1 JOHN 4:7-17 – LOVE, IT'S DIFFERENT THAN YOU THINK

1) Looking back on Sunday's sermon, define love and spend time describing the nature of love that exists between the Godhead (John 5:17-23; John 13:31-32).

Leader's Note; Love is a decision regardless of the emotion. Love is to compassionately, righteously, and responsibly seek the well-being of another.

2) Can you think of a time in your own life where you have experienced the deep love of God?

**Read 1 John 4:7-17**

3) What grabs your attention? Why does it grab your attention?

4) John is writing this letter to Christians (2:12-14, 21; 5:13). According to verse 7, where does our love come from?

5) According to verses 9-11, God made His love manifest to us by doing what?

6) What are we now called to do because God first loved us in that way?

7) How would you explain a loveless saint? How do you become a saint full of love?

Leader's Note: This is written to Christians. A Christian who is not abiding in love is not abiding in God. You need to continually experience the love of God in order to share the love of God with others.

8) Share a time when you shared God's love with someone else. Was it energizing or draining? What was the result?

How can your community pray for you in this?

**2023 Breakthrough Prayers:**

- Father, pour out your Spirit on us and move us to serve those in need.
- Father, allow us to provide Bibles, beds and bikes to those taking the gospel to the Nyamwezi in 2023. (Use us to build a Christ-centered reproducing church among an unreached people – the Nyamwezi – by 2030.)
- Father, please launch 100 discipleship groups among us this year.
- Father, help us walk worthy of our calling, maintaining the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Eph. 4:1, 3).