



COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS
April 23, 2017
Love Can Define Us | 1 John 4:7-21

Questions for Study and Group Discussion

** Before you begin, please read 1 John 4:7-21 as a group.

1. Love is a word that we use LOTS of different ways in our culture. Share some of the various ways we use the word "love" in everyday settings.
2. How can using the word "love" in so many different ways confuse the way we think about God's love for us, and the love we're to show others?
3. Read 1 John 4:10-11. What is the biblical definition of love that we see in these verses? (See also Romans 5:6-8.)
4. Stay focused on 1 John 4:10-11: How should this love we've been shown define us?
5. How do the truths seen in these verses differ from some of the ways we can think about love – what it is and how to show it? Explain.
6. How should an understanding of the way God has loved us DEFINE the way you see yourself?
7. How should God's sacrificial love DEFINE the way we show love to others around us?
8. Read 1 John 4:12 and John 13:34-35. As we allow God's love to define us, what difference does that make?
9. What's one take-away that's jumped out at you from this passage in a big way? What practical steps can you take in the next week to apply this lesson to your life?
10. Challenge: Memorize 1 John 4:10-11: 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.