



Gospel Community Study Questions

1 John | Loving Like Jesus

Key Passages: 1 John 2:7–14; John 13:34–35; Rev 2:2–5; Deut 6:5; Ps 100:5

Big Idea: Those who know Jesus will love with a Jesus-type love

Read 1 John 2:7-14

John writes so the church have assurance of who they are in Christ. At the start of Chapter 2, obedience to God's commands is presented as evidence that we are walking with Him. According to verses 7–11, how is love connected to obedience? Why does John treat love as central rather than optional to the Christian life?

Jesus gives a "new command" in John 13:34–35. Read this passage and discuss: what makes Jesus' command new? How is His love described or demonstrated? In what ways is Jesus' love unconditional, sacrificial, and genuine — and how is that different from the way the world often defines love?

The church in Ephesus (Revelation 2:2–5) was faithful in many ways but had forgotten their first love. Read this passage and reflect: what warning does this give to a church that is active, disciplined, and doctrinally careful but lacking love? Where might we be tempted to substitute activity or correctness for love?

God has always been a God of love. Read Deuteronomy 6:5 and Psalm 100:5. What do these passages reveal about the nature of God's love? Why is it impossible to experience or express God's love in isolation from others? How does loving people become one of the primary ways we love God?

V12–14 speak to different stages of spiritual maturity. What encouragement does John give to each group? How does knowing Jesus — being forgiven, knowing the Father, overcoming the evil one — equip us to love others? Where do you see yourself in these stages. How might Jesus be calling you deeper into maturity?

If a Jesus-type love comes from Jesus alone, how do we grow in that kind of love practically? Where do we need His assurance that we *can* love like Him? Share real examples of what loving like Jesus might look like in everyday relationships — in the church, in families, or in difficult friendships.

Close and Pray

Spend time praying that Liberti Church would be marked by the love of Jesus: For deeper love for Christ as our first love, for sacrificial love toward one another, for maturity in knowing Jesus for assurance of forgiveness and identity in Him

Coming Up

Next week we will study 1 John 2:15-17