

Love is . What Do You Think?



Lots of answers get put in that blank. But is love really:

- Always getting your _____? No.
- Being given everything you _____? No.
- Never having to say you're _____? No.

All of those answers are selfish and we learned last weekend that (1) God isn't selfish in any way and (2) he's teaching us not to be selfish. One of the ways he's doing that is 1 John 4:7-11.

Love is _____ God (4:7)

- God ____ love (4:8)
- God has _____ his love to us (4:9) For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ _____ for the ungodly ... God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for ____. (Rom 5:6, 8)
- His Son gave himself for our _____ (4:10) Do you remember what Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane? "Not will, but yours, be done." (Luke 22:42)
- God is ______ us to love one another (4:11)

Let's end by turning to 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 and decide to act like God, who is love, this week.

For Family Discussion:

- How do we sometimes have very selfish, self-centered views of what love is?
- We heard Jason talk about real love involving sacrifice. What does it mean to "sacrifice" for someone else?
- ▸ We heard Jesus pray, "Not my will, but yours, be done." What will it look like to live like that this week?

Bible Readings for This Week:

- □ 1 John 2:1-11 A new commandment
- □ 1 John 3:11-24 Love one another
- □ 1 John 4:7-21 God is love
- □ Luke 22:24-46 "I am among you as the one who serves"
- □ 1 Corinthians 13 The way of love

Next Weekend: Who is God? Our Father