

prayer requests

Share prayer requests with the small group. Ask someone to take notes and share the requests with group members after the meeting.

study notes



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Sermon Study

May 28, 2017

1 John 4:7-21 - Love One Another

Lie: I can love God without loving others.

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Eastview
Christian
Church is a
fearless church
of Christ
followers whose
ridiculous love
and dangerous
witness are
irresistible.



Author's Notes:

Because we are loved, we love. This order is important. Although God has many more attributes, love completes the picture of a life in fellowship with God. David Guzik's commentary of this passage is right, "You can't truly grow in your experience of God without also growing in your love for one another." At Eastview we would agree whole-heartedly. Ridiculously loving those around us (those who know Jesus and those who do not) propels our growth as Christ-followers. Unbelievers can love others to some degree, but not in the same way that Christ-followers can love. The new commandment that Jesus gives us in John 13:34-35 should be a bedrock characteristic of Christ-followers at Eastview.

Gather (your group getting to know each other)

1. How do you typically spend your Memorial Day weekend?

2. Describe a recent random act of kindness that someone did for you?

Go
(your group on mission)

How can we as individuals and/or as a group, love those outside our group this week?

What tangible expressions of ridiculous love will impact this community?

Grow (your group growing as Christ-followers)

1. Open in prayer – ask the Holy Spirit to bring insight and application to this passage.

2. Read 1 John 4:7-21 as a group in two different translations.

3. Recall any notes from the Sunday sermon.

4. What do we learn about God in this passage?

-How do you know this to be true?

-See also 1 John 3

5. What do we learn about us in this passage?

-How do you know this to be true?

-See also 1 John 3:11-24

6. What do we learn about God's ridiculous love in this passage?

-How do you know this to be true?

-See also 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

7. How has God's ridiculous love changed you?

-How do others know this to be true?

-See also John 13:34-35

8. What lies are revealed in this passage?

-How do you know this to be true?

-Identify all the cultural and personal lies about love.

9. What are we called to do in this passage?

-How do you know this to be true?

-See also Romans 12:9-21

10. What challenges you the most about this passage?

-What family member, friend, neighbor, co-worker, etc. do you need to show ridiculous love to this week?

Give
(your group serving each other)

How can we, as individuals and/or a group, love those inside our group this week?

What tangible expressions of ridiculous love will impact this group?