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1 John – God is Love

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Scott posed the question, “If we all agree on love, then why is it so hard?” What are some of the things that make love “hard”?

John says we are to “love one another.” Is there a specific person or group of people that it is hard for you to love? Are there any steps that you can take to love them in a way that honors God?

We translate love into three different words in Greek. Can you give specific explanation of each type of love listed below? Why does the differentiation matter?

Eros is the love between men and women or romantic love

Phileo is to regard with affection

Agape is “to will the good of another.”

Read 1 John 4:7-8

Love is an identifier of the Christian faith. Have you ever been encouraged to get to know God better by your interaction with a loving person? Why is this such a powerful witness to someone who does not know God?

Read 1 John 4:13, Galatians 5:22 and John 13:35

When we say “God is love,” what does that mean? How do you explain the balance between God’s love and God’s justice?

Read 1 John 4:9-11

How does God show His agape love for us? How should we respond? Consider those people who are hard for you to love. Does this scripture change your motivation to express love, especially when it is not deserved?

Can you think of some specific ways Jesus showed agape love in the scriptures? Is one example especially meaningful to you?

Finish your time by reading John 21:15-17. If Jesus said to you, “Do you love me?” What would you say? What would he ask you to do if you said yes?