



GROWTH GROUP SERMON CURRICULUM

Assured | February 2, 2020 | 1 John 4:7-21

“We love because he first loved us.” –1 John 4:19

FROM THE TEXT

- Read 1 John 4:7-21. Our text begins with “Beloved, let us love one another...” What does it mean to be beloved? What does it mean when John is calling the churches “Beloved” by God?
- Read 1 John 4:19. How could this verse be used to simply share the gospel with a non-believer? Although short, why is this verse so powerful?

FROM THE SERMON

- God’s very being or nature is love. How can this be? What from the sermon was useful to you in understanding that our God is himself love?
- One of the most central themes from the sermon was verse 11: “Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.” Is it possible to withhold love from others and still abide in God? Why or why not?
- Summarize your greatest takeaway from the sermon with the group.

FOR YOUR LIFE | APPLICATION | ACCOUNTABILITY

- Verse 17-18 talk about our confidence before God on judgment day (no fear). How is this possible? How does confidence grow up inside of us?
- Where in your life are you cultivating time and space to grow up in mature love (the love displayed in the gospel)? Weekly what are you doing to help make this a reality in your life? Is there anything that you need to change? How can the group help spur you on towards living a life where you are routinely spending time with God, abiding, and growing in perfect love?

PRAYER FOCUS

Just spend time praising God for the amazing gospel! v.10 “In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the [Atonement] for our sins.”