

New Vision Church Sister 2 Sister DEEP DIVE Discussion and Prayer

Monday, October 20, 2025 @ 7:00 pm
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Women's Sister to Sister Deep Dive Bible Study: "God Is Love"

Duration: 30 minutes

Key Scripture: 1 John 4:8 — "Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love."

I. Scripture Reference and Background (5–7 minutes)

- Book: 1 John
- Author: The Apostle John (also known as "the beloved disciple")
- Date Written: Around A.D. 85–95
- Audience: Early Christians facing false teachings about Jesus and struggling to live out their faith in love and truth.
- Purpose: John wrote to remind believers of the true nature of God, the importance of genuine love, and the evidence of real faith.

Cultural Context:

- In John's time, many were influenced by Gnostic beliefs, which separated the spiritual and physical worlds — suggesting God was too holy to interact with the messy, human side of life.
- John refuted that idea by showing that God's love is active, personal, and proven through Christ's sacrifice.
- The early church was learning to live out this love in community, through forgiveness, service, and compassion.

II. Understanding the Verse (5 minutes)

"God is love" doesn't just mean God shows love — it means love is the very essence of who He is.

Everything God does flows from His love — His correction, His protection, His patience, and His promises.

Key Takeaways:

1. Love defines God's nature — it's not optional or conditional.
2. Our love for others is the evidence of our relationship with Him.
3. Loving others doesn't mean perfection — it means reflection. We reflect His love through grace, kindness, and forgiveness.

III. Discussion Questions (10–12 minutes)

Invite open, honest sharing.

For Reflection:

1. What does "God is love" mean to you personally?
2. How do you experience God's love when life feels unfair or uncertain?
3. As women, how can we reflect God's love in these roles:
 - As a mother: How do we model unconditional love for our children, even in discipline?
 - As a wife or partner: How do we choose love when communication or understanding feels hard?
 - As a friend: How do we show grace and truth in friendship?
 - As a church member: How can love be our ministry — not just our message?
 - As a daughter or family member: How can we break cycles of bitterness through forgiveness and compassion?
4. What are some practical ways we can love others better this week — especially when it's not easy?

IV. Application and Challenge (3–5 minutes)

Encourage each woman to choose one way to live out love this week.

Examples:

- Send an encouraging message or card.
- Offer forgiveness to someone who hurt you.
- Pray for someone you find difficult to love.
- Speak kindly to yourself — you are loved by God too.

V. Closing Scripture and Prayer (3 minutes)

Supporting Scriptures:

- 1 Corinthians 13:4–8 — “Love is patient, love is kind...”
- John 3:16 — “For God so loved the world...”
- Romans 5:8 — “While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”
- 1 John 4:19 — “We love because He first loved us.”

Closing Prayer:

Lord, thank You for reminding us that You are love. Teach us to see others through Your eyes, to respond with grace, and to love without limits. Help us reflect Your heart in our homes, friendships, and community. In Jesus’ name, Amen.