

1 John

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love

As John approaches the end of his first letter, he once again returns to the common theme that has taken up most of the space of this text: love one another. This time, however, John includes a phrase that is likely familiar to our ears: God is love. This revelation--and simultaneous reminder--grounds our own love in the love we have been shown.

Read 1 John 4:7-21 together.

1. How does the way God has loved us directly lead to the way in which we love others?
2. How does the Spirit allow us to know that we live in God and he lives in us? What do you think John means by this verse (v. 13)?
3. How does perfect love “drive out fear”? What should our relationship with God look like when we do not need to have fear of retribution and punishment?