

How have you heard people define love? List as many different descriptions as you can recall.

Which of these do you most relate with? How do you personally define love?

What do you think most influences one's understanding of love? Who or what has most shaped your view of love?

Read **1st John 4:7-12** and discuss the following.

How does God define love? How does His definition contrast those mentioned above?

Where does love come from? How has God made His love known to us?

Having been loved by God, what are we now commanded to do?

According to this passage, what is evidence of one responding to the gospel in faith? Explain.

Read **1st John 4:13-21** and discuss the following.

What makes our love for others possible?

What are some benefits of experiencing and responding to God's love? Consider both present and future realities.

How has your understanding of love been changed or enhanced as a result of studying this passage? Explain.

How might living and loving others in light of God's Word most impact your day-to-day life? Which relationships do you expect would be most effected? What areas would stand to experience the greatest change?

What about this discussion has most comforted and/or convicted you personally?