

Sermon Discussion Guide – Relationships -Love – I John 4:13-19

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Opening question:

How would you describe the connection between God's love and our ability to love others?

1. Love is More Than Proximity

“Connection and proximity don’t equal relationship.”

- Where do you see this truth in your life—at work, church, or home?
- How can we move from proximity to genuine relationship in our church or community?

2. God Came Close—So We Could Love Close

“God didn’t love us from a distance. He came. He walked. He wept. He bled.”

- How has God shown His love to you personally?
- When have you most *felt* God’s love?

3. The Power of Embodied Love

“Most of us didn’t come to faith because someone convinced us with airtight doctrine... someone lived love.”

- Who was a “living witness” of God’s love in your life?
- How did their actions (not just their words) reflect Christ?

4. Love as a Daily Choice

“Love isn’t a box we check—it’s a cross we carry.”

- What does it look like for you to *choose* love daily?
- Where is it most difficult to do that right now?

5. Perfect Love Drives Out Fear

“Fear is love’s great enemy—not hate.”

- What kinds of fears make it difficult for us to love well?
- In what ways does fear show up in our relationships, even in the church?

Closing Questions

- Who in your life has become hard to love—not because they’ve changed, but because your heart has grown tired?
- Who in your life needs to experience God’s love through you this week?