



What Is Love?

1 John 4:7-10

Basic Message: God is the source of love.

Cultural Definition: Love is a feeling, a drive, sexual intimacy, irrational impulse.

Biblical Definition: Love is a free choice to commit my life to your thriving.

Love's Demonstration: God chose to send His son to free us from the penalty and power of sin.

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My Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

1) Try to list as many words as you can that are synonyms for love in our culture. What is the overall impression you get from these words?

2) Read 1 John 4:1-6. Why is it so difficult to live in the world and not adopt its ideas? What do you do to keep your mind thinking correctly? See Romans 12:1-2.

3) Explain the biblical definition of love. What is the difference between affirming love and transforming love? See 1 John 4:10.

4) What are the areas of your life that need the transforming power of God's love?



Memory Verse

"Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love."

1 John 4:8