

# Where Does Love Come From?

Sunday, October 2, 2016

1 John 4:7-21

## This is How ...

Love the Lord – A beautiful Idea; How does it happen?

## Definitions, Poems & Stories

### Collecting Definitions

Choosing the Highest Good

### Poems

Psa 103:8-14; 1 Cor 13

### Stories

How Jesus answered ... Story: Good Samaritan

The Great Story (9-10)

## Love Because Loved

We love because he first loved us (19); God is love (16)

- Who is our “God”? – We become like what we worship
- This God is Love – “Cross” kind of Love
- Love inspires, captures, wins

## Circle of Love

Given Spirit; Live in God, God in them (12-16)

- Love – Not something done to us
- There already is an Eternal Circle of Love
- We are Included
- We are Inhabited by Spirit of God

## Where Does Love Come From?

- Hear the Story
- Experience the Love
- Receive the Spirit

# Small Group Guide

## Kicking off your Time Together

### Ice Breaker

In what way are you like your father or mother?

### Opening Prayer

Have one or two open in prayer asking God to be present and to direct your time.

## What Did you Bring?

Did you bring anything to share to encourage the group? (consider 1 Cor 14:26 as the pattern for this part of the meeting)

## Read Passage

Have several people read a paragraph from this passage.

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## Discuss a few of these questions:

“Love” is mentioned numerous times in this passage. What is said about it?

The phrase “this is how” is also repeated in this passage. What points are being made?

Ponder the connection between love and fear in verse 18. Do you have any experiences that illustrate this?

What does it mean to say that “God is love”?

## Pray for Each Other

In light of all that has been shared, pray for each other.

You may want to share specific requests.