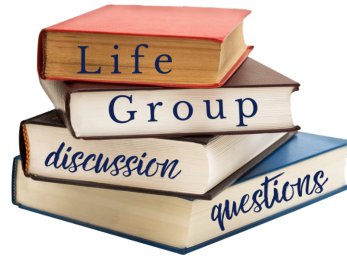


OPENING DISCUSSION

How do you define love?

What examples do you have of what love looks like in your life?



SERMON

How does this passage define love? How is this different from the world's definition of love?

What should God's definition of love motivate us to do?

How can we be confident in our relationship with God? What does the Spirit of God lead us to do?

What does it mean that God is love? Why is it important to not get this wrong?

What is the result of godly love?

APPLICATION

How do you respond to God's love in your life?

Why is it so important to understand that love is an action and not simply a feeling?

How is true love connected to an understanding of who Jesus is?

How does God's love for us motivate us to love others while also giving us an example of what real love looks like?

How will you allow God's Word to define love for you this coming week and beyond?

Not a part of a Small Group at North Hills?

Visit the church website and check out the different groups currently meeting.

When you see one that interests you, click on the link provided and know that the group will be glad you came!

<https://church.north-hills.org/connect/small-group-ministry>

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CONVERSATIONS
with God

1 John 4:10-19 (ESV)

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.

For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us.

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The Love of God

Today's message: Love Defined

BIG IDEA:

We need to let God _____ love in His _____.

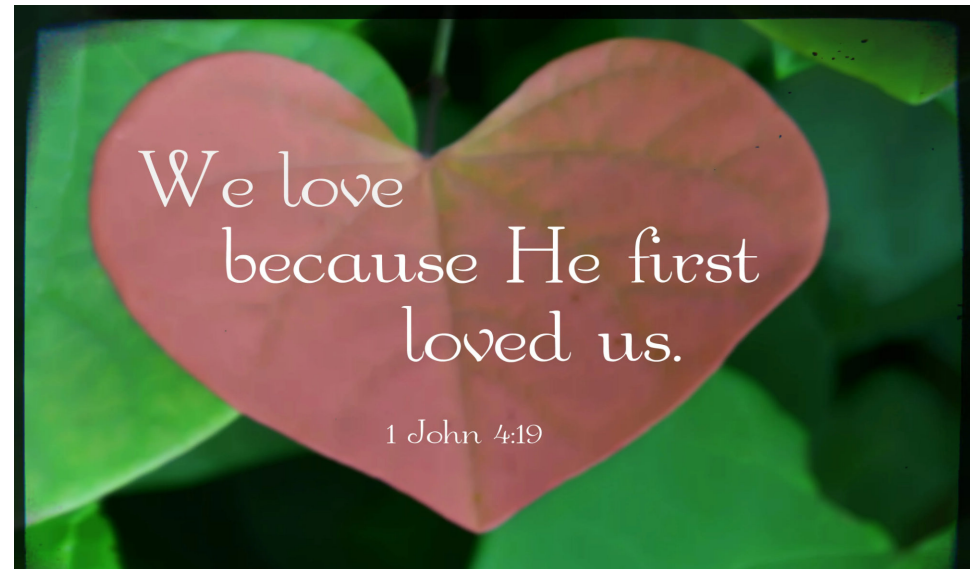
1. God provides the _____ that defines love. (1 John 4:10-12)

2. Love in us is _____ that we are in Him. (1 John 4:13-16)

3. Love leads to _____ and not fear. (1 John 4:17-19)

RESPONSE:

Do you _____ like God has _____ you?



Children's Ministry on Sunday mornings

Parents and guardians, we ask that you go to the **main entrance** of the Worship Center to check your child in. After service, go to the Preschool Playground (or Dodson Hall) in a timely fashion to check your child out. While our Sunday morning Children's Worship is designed for children, it is not mandatory children attend. Parents and guardians are welcome to keep their children with them in the Worship Center if they prefer.

The FAMILY ROOM

Want a place to go during the worship service when your young one is crying?

Want a place to go when your newborn needs to be fed?

Want a place to go where the service can be watched?

The Family Room has been designed especially for you!

The Family Room (located on the first floor by the wooden double doors) is for parents who want to care for their children yet do not want to miss out on what is happening in the Worship Center. Parents, we invite you to come inside and make yourself at home.

We also have another room for parents. It is located on the second floor. It is a larger room where children can play and parents can watch the service as it is live streamed. The room next door has a restroom. Please feel free to use it and let us know if there is anything you need.

Parents, we are so glad you are here at North Hills. It is an honor and joy to serve you and your children. May God bless you today.

Communication Cards and Offering Envelopes

At the **main entrance** and **senior parking lot entrance** of the Worship Center, you will find a pedestal box when you leave today. If you have filled out a Communication Card or Offering Envelope, please insert them into either of the boxes (please note the boxes will remain out for 15 minutes after the service). For those who prefer to contribute online, simply go to north-hills.org and click on Support NH or text GIVE to (707) 289-7600.

Read the entire Bible chronologically in a year

See the church newsletter for this week's Bible reading passages.

<https://church.north-hills.org/newsletters/weekly-newsletter>