

Scripture this week:

1 John 4:7-18

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. ¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ 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.

Always Loving

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When we come to know that God (the Father, Son, and Spirit) is completely loving, as His beloved children, we can't help but experience a growing confidence that we'll get through anything.

- **The Father is the Source**

- **The Son is the Solution**

- **The Spirit is the Supplier**

Life Group Questions:

I John 4:7-18

Notes:

1. Based on this passage, how would you define agape love? In what ways is God's love greater than all other forms of love?
2. Simply stated, how does this passage tell us we can experience God's love? How are knowing God as love, abiding in the Father's love through the Son and Spirit, and showing God's love to others all linked together?
3. How are God's love and our confidence interrelated? Is it possible to be truly loving and confident, and yet not know God? Why or why not?
4. How are love and fear related? If we are fearful, what might it tell us about our confidence in God's love?
5. What tends to shake your confidence? What helps to build it up?
6. What is a small step you can take today to grow in your understanding of God's love and your confidence?
7. How can you better demonstrate God's love to someone in your life this week?