



# SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Speaker: Chris Royalty // Sunday: July 24, 2022

- 1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study.
- 2) Read 1 John 4:7-21 together.
- 3) What stuck out to you as you read? Is there anything you don't understand? Is there anything you'd like to discuss?
- 4) How is the supernatural love of God different from the superficial idea of love that we so often hold?
- 5) Why does love have its origin in God? Can unregenerate people truly love? How is the love shown by those born of God different?
- 6) What is the difference between knowing about God and knowing God personally as Father? Why is love a good test for whether someone knows God?
- 7) How does John see a bloody cross as the highest expression of love?
- 8) How would you define propitiation to a group of your peers? What does it tell us about God? About man? Where do we see these themes throughout the rest of Scripture?
- 9) How can Christians perfect the love of God? Does that mean there is something lacking in Christ's work?
- 10) How has your increasing love for God increased your understanding of God's love for you?
- 11) Why does love cast out fear? What does fear reveal about our relationship to God?
- 12) Why does John combine loving God with loving your neighbor? Which is more important?
- 13) End your time in prayer. Ask God to help you apply the things you've discussed and learned during this time of study.

\* Some of these questions taken from, Daniel L. Akin, *Exalting Jesus in 1,2,3 John* (Nashville, TN: Holman Reference, 2014).