

Homework Leading Into This Week: 1 John 4:7-21
Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

Agape

Week #2: God Is Love

- ❖ Review: Agape means doing what's best, no matter what, no matter who.

- ❖ God is _____

- ❖ 1 John 4:8b - ...because God is love.

- ❖ 1 John 4:8b-10 - ...because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

- ❖ Our agape God does what's best, even when it hurts.

- ❖ Story: Kids, shots, and agape love.

- ❖ 1 John 4:10 - This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

- ❖ Our agape God does what's best, no matter what, even if he has to sacrifice.

- ❖ Revelation 7:14 - I answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

- ❖ Story: A little boy with a big problem

- ❖ 1 John 4:9 - This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

- ❖ Our agape God does what's best, no matter who, even if the who is we.

- ❖ Video: Luther's Sermon

- ❖ Conclusion: Karl Barth's famous reply

Points to Ponder

1. Read Hebrews 12:4-13. How do these words remind us that God is love, even when we're suffering?
2. Look over tonight's reading from 1 John 4:7-21. What other proofs do you see of God's love in these verses?
3. Share with your CORE Group (or a Christian friend) the impact these words have on your upcoming week: God is love.

*"Love is not determined by the one being loved
but rather by the one choosing to love."
~ Stephen Kendrick*

Homework For Next Week: 1 Corinthians 13:1-8