

“Love, God: First Love”

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About 1 John:

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Theme: Relationship Integrity

I John 1:3

Key Word: Koinonia - _____ or _____ Life

1. We are created to _____.
Genesis 1 & 2

2. When we are doing the hard work of community together,
we are literally the _____.
I John 4:13

3. Greek Words for Love:

a. Agape: _____,
_____, _____
action. (essence of who God is)

b. Eros: _____,
_____ reaction

c. Philia: _____ or _____ love.

4. The _____ and _____ of my
relationship with God determines the _____
and _____ of my relationship with others.

I John 1:3

5. Deception in the Church: _____
Salvation. I John 1:5-9

Life Steps

Day 1

Genesis 2:4-3:24

What do you notice about the various relationships (God/human beings, man/wife, etc.) in Genesis 2? How do these relationships change in Genesis 3? What do these changes tell us about sin? How do you see sin impacting the relationships in your life?

Day 2

Matthew 18:21-35

This parable has a lot to teach us about forgiveness. After reading it, what do you think is the root of un-forgiveness? Who is someone you feel like you are “indebted” to? Who are you holding in debt?

Day 3

Jonah 3-4

Most of us are really familiar with the first part of the Jonah story, what happens after the fish spits him out? How do the people respond to Jonah’s message? How does Jonah respond? What does Jonah 4 teach us about the heart of God?

Day 4

John 8:1-11

What do you think Jesus wrote in the dirt? Why do you think the scriptures leave that out? How did Jesus show the woman love?

Day 5

Acts 2:42-47 & Acts 4:32-35

What about this community do you admire? When have you experienced this kind of community? How are you pursuing/could you pursue this kind of community in your life?

Day 6

Revelation 2:1-7

What did the church of Ephesus have going for it? What does it look like for you to remember your First Love?

Day 7

1 John 1

Reflect on what the weekend’s message and this week’s scriptures have said about our love for one another. What relationship have you neglected? Write a letter to that person letting him/her know how much his/her relationship means to you. Then, whether or not you give the letter to him/her, schedule to spend some quality time with him/her.