



Rock Point Church

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BIG IDEA

God doesn't just display love, He defines love.

1 John 4:7-12

⁷ Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. ⁸ But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

⁹ God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him.

¹⁰ This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

¹¹ Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. ¹² No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us.

1 John 4:19

¹⁹ We love each other because he loved us first.

Love Receives

Reflection Question: Where have I been trying to define or manufacture love on my own terms - by feeling, by culture, by effort - instead of letting God define it for me?

Next Steps: Before you try to love anyone better this week, spend fifteen minutes actually receiving God's love toward you. Let it be gift before it becomes task.

Love Gives

Reflection Question: Have I been quietly trying to earn a love from God that He already paid for in full at the cross?

Next Steps: Write down one thing you've been doing this week to try to earn God's approval. Cross it out. Thank Him instead for what's already finished.

Love Flows

Reflection Question: Who is a specific person in my life this week where love needs to move from claim to visible action? Name one person right now.

Next Step: Before next Sunday, do one specific, costly act of love toward them, not a vague gesture, a specific one.