

Why Do We Share Jesus With Others?

1 John 4:7-21

Key Verse: 4:21

1. Read verse 7. What is love? What is the origin of love? Why is love so important? (1 Cor 13:1-7) What does it mean to be born of God? (Jn 3:3) How do you know God by loving others?
2. Read verse 8. Why does one who does not love not know God? If someone does not believe in Jesus, but they act like a very loving person, what does show about them? Why should love be rooted in God? How is man's love different from God's love? (Mt 5:43-48) How is God's humbleness revealed in his love? (Php 2:7)
3. Read verses 9-12. How is forgiveness related to love? (8,9) What did it cost God to show his love to you? What did it mean to God to send his Son? As an atoning sacrifice? How does this give us life? Was God's love inconsistent when he sacrificed his son in our place? If God loves us unconditionally, why do we have to love others? Why was Paul compelled by Christ's love? (2 Cor 5:14-15) What do your actions tell people about you, what should they say about you? (v12) (Jn 13:35)
4. Read verses 12-18. How can we know God whom we can't see? How can we grow in love? (v16) What is the Holy Spirit's role in love? (v13) How can we know that God lives in us? What does it mean to acknowledge that Jesus is God's Son? What does it mean that God's love is made complete in us? (v13,16) What does it mean to rely on God's love?
5. How is God's divine initiative revealed in his love? (10,19) How does loving others give us confidence on the day of judgment? (v17; Rom 3:8-14) Why does love drive out fear? What does God command those who receive his gift of love to do? (v21) Why is this imperative? (v20)
6. What is your evidence that you know God? What has it cost you to show your love to someone else? Is your love self serving? What does it mean that we are commanded to love? (Jn 15:12) Does that mean we accept everything they do without questioning their actions? How can we love one another? What was Jesus' definition of love? (Jn 21:15-17) How can I share Jesus with others? What if I don't feel confident about telling others about my faith? How do I get inspired to share my faith in Jesus with others? Why can't I just enjoy my own relationship with God? What if I don't share Jesus with anyone, what will happen to me?