

SERMON NOTES

Date: July 16, 2017

Series: Uncommon Community

Title: Love One Another

Text: 1 John 4:7-12

Big Idea: If we really know God, then we are compelled to love others the way he has loved us.

I. Introduction

What is love?

- eros
- storgē
- phileō
- agapē

II. Three Reasons We Are Compelled to Love One Another

A. Because of Who God Is (vs. 7-8)

B. Because of What God Has Done in Christ (vs. 9-11)

1. Graciously Revealed Himself

2. Mercifully Atoned for Our Sin

C. Because of What God Is Doing in Us (v. 12)

MAKE IT REAL

Questions for Personal Application and Small Group Discussion

REVIEW THE SERMON

How would you define biblical love in contrast to the world's kind of love? _____

Do you think you can show biblical love apart from knowing God? Why or why not? _____

How does knowing God help you to love others?

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

Who are the people you are most likely to sacrificially love? Why? _____

Who are the people you are least likely to sacrificially love? Why? _____

What do these answers reveal about your motives? What might they reveal about your relationship with God? _____

APPLY THE TRUTH

Is there anyone you dislike or don't feel love toward? Knowing how God feels about that, what are you going to do to change your approach to them? What are some practical things you can do to show others you love them in both attitude and action (cf. 1 John 3:17-18)? _____

COMMIT THIS WEEK

Spend some time this week trying to memorize 1 John 4:7-8.