

Ice Breaker

How do you approach new ideas and inventions? Are you an early adopter, 'laggard,' or somewhere in between?

This week's message: Abide in God's Love
1 John 4:1-21

Big Idea:

Knowing God is Loving God

Discussion Questions

- ☐ When you encounter a new trend, teaching, or perspective, what is your go-to way to determine if it is from God?
- ☐ John tells believers not to believe every spirit, but to test what they hear. What voices are most shaping people spiritually today about who Jesus is? (1 John 4:1-6)
- ☐ 1 John 4:7-15 states that God is love and his love is demonstrated through Jesus Christ. How does this differ from the world's definition of love?
- ☐ John calls us to a love that is visible (1 John 3:18). What does visible love look like to the "one anothers" he is talking about?
- ☐ What fear is being spoken of in 1 John 4:16-21? How does this fear compare to the fear spoken of in Proverbs 1:7?
- ☐ Where is fear currently making you self-protective rather than Christlike?

Further Application

Who around you needs love that is patient, present, truthful, forgiving, or practical this week? (vv. 19-21) Acknowledge and confess any fears to the Lord you have about doing this. He will provide what you need!

Series: _____

Date: _____

Speaker: _____

Passage: _____

Notes:



Westover Life

[List events or other things the Group or Group Leader may need to know about.]

- *Pray for Winshape (July 27-31)*
- *Pray for Camp Merriwood (July 27-Aug. 31)*
- *Upcoming Celebrate Summer service Sunday, Aug. 16*

Group Needs

[Collect Prayer Requests. Identify needs that the group could meet. Assign someone to follow-up with those absent]

Additional Prayer Focus Areas

[Westover leader, missionary, Group Life opportunities]

Group Life: *This week, our group will gather or scatter by ...
[i.e., Fellowship, G@H, Serve the body]*

