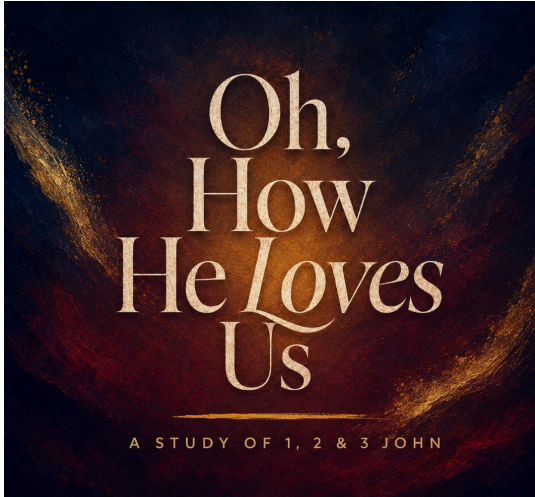




How He Loves Us

One word defines the message of 1, 2, & 3 John: Love. Specifically, God's sacrificial and perfect agape Love. This love is so perfect and so powerful, it does not lead us the way it finds us. It transforms us. It marks us. In this small group series, we will see how God's agape love for his people transforms us and every part of our lives.

WEEK ONE

Because God loves me, I test every teaching

Message Passage: 1 John 4:7-16 & 1 John 5:21

Small Group Passage: 1 John 4:1-6

TEACHING AND VIDEO NOTES

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

1. God's love does not leave us unchanged—it transforms us. Where have you seen God's love change your attitudes, priorities, or relationships?
2. John ends his letter by saying, "Dear children, keep yourselves from idols" (5:21). Why do you think that is such a fitting conclusion after everything he says about God's love?

Read: 1 John 4:1-6

3. Vs 1. When the Apostle John says that we must test every spirit, he is stating that we must test every teaching and teacher to see if what they say is true (of the Spirit of God). How do we go about testing every teaching? How do you know if a teaching is truly false?
4. Vs 2-3. Any spirit or teaching that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from the Spirit of God and therefore is not true. Jesus' status as the one and only Son of God, redeemer of the world, and long-awaited Messiah is non-negotiable. What are some other non-negotiables of the Christian Faith?
5. Vs 4. What did John mean when he said that the "one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world?" Why is this good news?
6. Where are you most tempted to accept what the world says about Jesus, Christianity, or truth without stopping to test it?
7. What is one practical step you can take this week to become better at recognizing biblical truth and rejecting false teaching?

PRAYER TIME

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