

Advent Part 4 "Love" Reflection Questions 12/18/2022

- 1. In Psalm 103:11, why do you think God used the distance of the universe to compare with His love for us?
- 2. In the message, the statement was made: "Everyone is looking for love." In what ways have you seen this reality in your own life or others around you?
- 3. When we think of balancing competing principles in the Christian life (like "grace and truth" or "justice and mercy"), what should "love" be balanced against?
- 4. What did you think of the quote: "The sacrificial love of Jesus not only saves us from the consequence of sin but from the very thing that led to the consequences"?
- 5. In Ephesians chapter 3, Paul prays: "that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to **know** this love that surpasses knowledge." Since this Greek word for "know" is an experiential "knowing," how do you think we can experience the love of God?
- 6. How is the account of the account of Hosea and Gomer in the Old Testament book of Hosea, an illustration of the unconditional love of God. Can you think of another example in the Bible of God's unconditional love?
- 7. What does unconditional love actually look like in action? What are some experiences you have had of unconditional love?
- 8. To what degree do you think your understanding of "love" has been polluted by the world?
- 9. The disciples messed up in several areas when following Jesus during His three years of ministry on earth. However, in John 16:27 Jesus declared, "The Father Himself loves you because you have loved Me and have believed that I came from God." Are you encouraged to know that your attempts at following God really do "count" in God's sight as loving Jesus?