MAIN POINT

The essence of healthy church life is worship-driven sacrificial love for one another.

V 7-8       Love Starts with God

V 9-10      Love Displayed in Christ

V 11-12     Love Perfected in the Church

Next Steps
MONDAY | 1 JOHN 4:7-8
How does the world define love? What is the fundamental difference between a worldly understanding of love and a biblical understanding of love? Why is the call to love one another so significant? What does John say our motive for love is? Why is this so important to keep in mind? What happens when our motives for loving our brothers and sisters in Christ is off? What does this text say about what our love for the brethren proves about us? How can you tangibly express your love for someone this week? How can you tangibly express your love for someone this week?

TUESDAY | 1 JOHN 4:9A; EPHESIANS 5:1-2
How does the fact that God sent Jesus Christ into the world demonstrate His love for us? How does this reality inform how you love the Body of Christ? How would you respond to someone who says they love God, but does not love the Church? What huge point are they missing when they say that? What does it look like to sacrifice for the body of Christ? How have you sacrificed for the sake of your brothers and sisters recently?

WEDNESDAY | 1 JOHN 4:9B-10
What does it mean that as Christ followers we “live through Him”? What does John mean when he says that we did not love God first? What passages in the Bible help reinforce this truth? How does the fact that God loved us first illustrate the beauty of salvation? What does John mean when he says that Jesus is the propitiation of our sins? Why do we need Him to be our propitiation? Why do we need Him to be our propitiation? How does this fact give you hope?

THURSDAY | 1 JOHN 4:11-12; JOHN 15:1-5
Take a moment to write down some of the ways God has demonstrated His love towards you. How should those ways in which God loved you inform how you should love the body of Christ? What does it mean to have God “abide in us”? How can you allow God’s perfect love to be reflected in your life today?

FRIDAY | PRAY
Reflect on some of the questions from this week. Ask the Lord to help you grow in any areas you might be struggling in. Ask the Lord to show you ways in which you can better care for, serve, and love the body of Christ. Praise God for the salvation we have in Christ.

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