

HOME STUDY GUIDE

WEEK 2: LOVE MAKES A HOME

Primary Passage: John 1:1-5

Related Passages: Genesis 1:26-27, Exodus 33:11, Numbers 6:25-26, 1 Chronicles 16:11, Luke 10:38-42, John 17:4-5

“All sorts of people are fond of repeating the Christian statement that “God is love.” But they seem not to notice that the words ‘God is love’ have no real meaning unless God contains at least two persons. Love is something that one person has for another person. If God was a single person, then before the world was made, He was not love.”

-C.S. Lewis

LIFEGROUP STUDY GUIDE:

Recap: Get someone in your group to recap the high points from the sermon.

Read John 1:1-5 and Genesis 1:26-27. Jesus has existed with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit in deep love-centered relationships since eternity past. How does this inform our understanding of life, meaning and the universe?

- Where in your life have you experienced the deepest, love-based relationships? How have these impacted your life?

- Where in your life have you experienced a breakdown in these love-relationships? Where have people failed to love you as they should have? How have these experiences impacted you and those around you?

Read Matthew 22:34-40. Why does Jesus say that the command to love our neighbor is like the command to love God? Which relational breakdowns mentioned in the sermon are most likely to prevent you from loving your neighbor?

Read Matthew 27:46. Jesus was willing to have the deepest love-relationship ever broken that we might walk in love for God and one another. How does the gospel motivate us to confess, repent and grow in walking in love?

Pray that we as a church family would fight any and all distractions and continue to grow in walking in deep love-relationships with God and the people He puts around us.