

LOVE QUEST

1 John

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The Author: The Apostle John

- Wrote more books of the New Testament than anyone except Paul
- Outlived all the other Apostles
- Nickname: “The Apostle of _____”
- Used “love” more than any other Bible writer: _____ times!
- “Love” used _____ times in 1 John alone!
- But his first nickname was “Son of _____”!

“As a young man, along with his brother James, John was the most sectarian, narrow-minded, unbending, and personally zealous of all the disciples. He behaved like an extremist, a bigot, a harsh man. In his early years he was the most unlikely candidate to be remembered as the apostle of love.” —John MacArthur (See Luke 9, Mark 9)

Lesson:

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How can my life be changed?

1. Start with

“We love because God first loved us.” 1 John 4:19 (NIV)

“Love comes from God... for God is love.” 1 John 4:7-8 (NLT)

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life..” John 3:16 (NKJV)

“We know and rely on the love God has for us.” 1 John 4:16a (NIV)

2. Soak in the

“How great is the love the Father has lavished on us...” 1 John 3:1

“Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us...”
1 John 3:1 (NKJV)

“God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.” 1 John 4:16b (NIV)

3. See myself as

“How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.”
1 John 3:1 “Dear friends, now we are children of God...” 1 John 3:2a

4. Share

“Dear friends, let us practice loving each other, for love comes from God and those who are loving and kind show that they are the children of God, and that they are getting to know him better.” 1 John 4:7 (LB) “Beloved, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.” 1 John 4:11 (NIV) “Whoever loves God must also love his brother.” 1 John 4:21b

The big idea:

We _____ as we believe ourselves to be

CONNECT GROUP

ICEBREAKER Share a nickname you were given at some point in your life and how you got it (only share if your comfortable).....

APPLY THE BIBLE Have someone read 1 John 4:16—What does it mean to rely and live on the Love of God? What does the Bible say?

Q1. Which of John’s nicknames (Son of Thunder—Apostle of Love) best describes you?

Q2. What did Pastor Paul mean when he said “start with God’s love for you”?

Q3. React to the question: “are there times you try so hard to change your sin nature?” Do you try hard to love God by not doing things you shouldn’t, only to find you do them anyway?

Q4. How do we do what 1 John 3:1 says “to behold…….”
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CHANCE TO SERVE Have you and your group determined how you will serve during LOVE WEEK? Discuss what kinds of events would fit your Group. Yes, you can participate in more than one outreach if that works for your Group! Thank you for your hearts of compassion towards our “neighbors.”

HOW TO JOIN A CONNECT GROUP

Go to nwbcspringfield.com

Click the join a connect group box at the top of the home page and fill out the form. Be sure and let us know what time works best for you:

- Monday Morning—11:00AM
- Thursday Evening—7:00PM
- Sunday Evening—6:00PM

Pastor Paul will be leading for the next 2 or 3 weeks allowing us time to get leaders for each of the groups.

We will be using Facebook Messenger Rooms.

