

Specific Questions: Text: 1John 4:7-21

1. Why do most people think of love in terms of emotions or romance? How can the church correct that misconception?
2. We are called to make 2 confessions: 1. "that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh" 2. "that Jesus is the Son of God." What do those declarations mean; what's the difference? Why are each of them essential?
3. John states that the one "who abides in love abides in God, and God in him/her." What does it mean to abide in love? What if someone doesn't abide in love?
4. Read v17 and 2Cor 5:10. On a scale of 1 to 10 what is your confidence about standing before God and giving account in the day of judgement. What would increase your confidence?
5. Give an example of how love casts out fear (v18). What are some examples of fear in our relationships with other believers?
6. As a group, describe the three best ways the people of Refuge could love one another.

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

1. What new concept did you learn from this week's text?
2. Is there anything in the text that you don't understand?
3. How does this text challenge you to change? Is there anything standing in your way of making that change?