



1/31 - Small Group Questions

Week 21: Love

Read 1 John 4:9-11

We know God loves by what he did. What are the two things he has done?
What is a propitiation? Who needed to be propitiated? Why?

The love spoken here is agape love. That type of love has three characteristics.

1. **Unconditional** - How does God love us in this way? Do you love unconditionally? Why or why not?
2. **Sacrificial** - How did God demonstrate this? G.K. Chesterton said, "It is the nature of love to bind itself..." What do you think that means? How can we apply this to our relationships?
3. **Forgiving** - How has God's love for us accomplished this? If God has loved us in this way how should we love others? Enemies too? (Matthew 5:43-45) How about the unloved in our society? (Matthew 25:34-36) Knowing that "Direction, not intention, determines destination." What positive actions can you take to love others?