



Oakwood

CHURCH

May 1 Discussion Questions

“Trinitarian Love”

1 John 4:7-12

PREVIEW

Why loving relationships in the church are so essential:

1. God’s **Nature** is love
 - The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are eternally **United** in self-giving, mutually glorifying relationship (v. 7)
 - Failure to love reveals a lack of **Connection** with God (v. 8)
2. God’s love is our **Life**
 - The ultimate demonstration of love is **Jesus** (v. 9)
 - By giving up His life Jesus **united** believers with God (v. 10)
3. God’s **Glory** is revealed in our love
 - We experience the life of the **Trinity** when we love (v. 11-12a)
 - People are **Attracted** to God when we love well (v. 12b)

OPENING QUESTION

1. What is something you love about your spouse, a family member, or friend?
2. Why are relationships both powerful and dangerous?

PRAY - Pray for God’s blessing on your conversation - to illuminate your minds, transform your hearts, and draw you closer together as a group.

READ — 1 John 4:7-12

EXPLORE

3. What is the primary command of this passage?
4. What enables someone to love like God loves?
5. What do we learn about God's nature from this passage?
6. How was God's love made manifest?

DISCUSS

7. How is it that God is able to express love within His very nature?
8. What makes the Trinity so unique?
9. What examples of God's love come to mind from the stories of Scripture? Spend time as a group referring to Bible passages that draw you to praise God for His love!
10. Where are we to look if we ever question the love of God? Can you recall a time in your life that you doubted God's love for you? Share how God restored your faith in His love.
11. If no one has ever seen God, how are people supposed to connect with Him today according to v.12?
12. What are some examples of God's love being manifested through us to others?

APPLY

13. What is a way our love for one another at Oakwood could be an attractive witness to unbelievers?
14. How is God calling you to demonstrate His love this week?
15. Who is someone who needs to see God's love this week? How might you demonstrate that?

PRAY

- Personal Request: Pray for Oakwood attendees to find and experience loving relationships within one of our community groups.
- Ministry: Pray for Heather Campbell and all the volunteers serving in TreeHouse to have wisdom, patience, and love as they minister to Oakwood's children.