

Read 1 John 4:7-12.

Verse 7 starts with *dear friends* (literally *loved ones*). Why is that especially fitting here?

When we love one another, what two things does that demonstrate about us?

*God is love*. Let's discuss what that statement means and why it is so significant.

Compare 4:9-10 with 3:16. What difference do you notice?

According to verse 9, why did God send his Son? According to verse 10, why did he do it?

Why do you think the *not* is added in verse 10?

Read 4:11 and Romans 13:8. How are we taught to view loving other people?

Read 1 John 4:13-18.

Search through verses 13-16. How are we capable of loving the way Jesus has commanded?

Read John 4:40-42. How does it fit with this section?

How does putting love into practice give us confidence on the day of judgment?

Considering verse 18, why then do we still get afraid?

Read 1 John 4:19-21.

Why is 4:19 an important verse for Christian instruction?

Why do we need to hear verses 20-21?

List three opportunities to put love into practice in your life this week:

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