



Does God Love Everyone? 1 John 4:7-16

Introduction

God's love is a very interesting topic. For some the notion that God loves those who hate him is difficult to believe. For others, the idea that God's love is unconditional is hard to believe. How do we reconcile God's love and his justice? These are all good questions that find their root in the one larger question for today, does God love everyone?

Discussion

- Have you ever “loved” a team or group that kept disappointing you? What is that like?
- How does it feel when someone that loves you says they are disappointed in you?

Going Deeper¹

- Read 1 John 4:7-16. What stands out to you in this text?
- Why do you think the word love is repeated so many times in the passage?
- Why is it important for John to say God is love, rather than God is loving?
- What is the significance of vs. 10 saying love is about God's loving us first?
- How is it that we “see” God by loving others (vs. 12)?

Application

- What is your big takeaway from this text?
- Why does God's love of us mean we must love others (vs. 12)?
- Are there certain people you struggle to love? Why is that?
- How can you show God's love this week, even if it's hard to do so?
- How can we be in prayer for you?

¹ Scripture references are from the NRSV.