

BEYOND SUNDAY

TOGETHER: RESPONDING TO
HIS GREAT LOVE

Sunday, July 25, 2021

The series *Together: Responding to His Great Love* is foundational to our new beginning at PCC. By studying 12 springs from the well of God's unlimited love in the Book of [1 John](#), our hope is that it would empower us to love ourselves and others more, as we seek His future direction. This week, we focus on how God's love us with the ability to love others.

#1

In the last week, how did you receive and or release the love of God? If not, what could you do to position your soul to do so?

#2

Spiritual Practice: [Lectio Divina](#) with [1 John 2:3-11](#)

What stands out to you (words, phrases, theme) after the 2nd or 3rd time you read through it?

#3

How many times is the word "**command(s)**" used in the passage? What commands do you think he is referring to? (Clue: Think summarization of the 10 commandments—see [Matthew 22:36-40](#).)

Notice how the passage layout reflects the call to love God ([1John 2:3-6](#)) and love others ([1John 2:7-11](#)).

Reflect on [1John 2:7-8](#), to what and to whom is the passage referring, regarding the old command and the new command?

#4

Ponder this statement:

How we love horizontally—others—is based on how we love vertically—God. How does that make you feel (hopeful, guilty, etc.)? Who have you seen do this well? How is this a reality in your life?

#5

Based on the content of the [1 John 2:3-11](#) passage, what do you think the problems were in the local church that the author is addressing? How do you see these same problems playing out in the PCC community? How does [1 John 2:6](#) provide the answer on how to overcome these problems?

#6

How is your love to those around you? Who in your life is stretching you to love them beyond your typical comfort zone? How could going to the well of God's love more and more impact the way you love them? How will you do that? (Clue: Start with confessing, then receiving, and then releasing.)

Resources to help you receive and release His Great Love

FOCUS

Breath Prayer

Inhale: Help me to receive your love

Exhale: Help me to release your love

REFLECT

[Lectio Divina](#): [1 John 1:5-2:2](#) — try this 3 times this week

[Daily Examen](#): Today, how did I receive the love of God and how did I release it?

WATCH & READ

Video: [The Chosen](#) — see the love of Jesus

Kids: *What is a Christian?* Journey through 1 John. Access through [Right Now Media](#).

Kids: *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?* (book)