

# Life in the Word

*Cornerstone Sermon-based Life Group Lesson*



Sermon Series: **1 John Series**

Sermon Title: **Love One Another: Is There an App for That?**

Scripture Passage: **1 John 4:7-21**

**Getting Started** Sharing from personal experience

1. Do you have a smart phone?

Do you have any favorite APPs that you use?

Do you use any Christian APPS?

Share what you do and don't like about how technology is changing our lives.

**Observation** Discovering the context

2. We use the word "love" in a million different ways to express fond feelings, devotion, caring, love in marriage, love of our pets, and even our cars. When you say that you "love" the Lord, or you "love" Jesus, what is different about why and how you use this expression to describe how you feel about God?
3. Find at least one scripture in your Bible that confirms the fact that God is eternal.
4. Find at least one scripture in your Bible that confirms the fact that God is love.

5. If God is eternal and if He is love, who was there for Him to love before there was anything or anybody outside of Himself to love?
6. Has God ever been “alone” or “lonely?” Because of His Triune nature, when God loved Himself, who else was He loving, and who else was loving Him?

### **Interpretation** Discovering the meaning

7. Christians who love each other are supernaturally equipped to do so. Study Galatians 5:13-15. Pay careful attention to this passage: *But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another* (Galatians 5:15).

How do Christians “bite and devour” one another, and why?

Do you see this happening in the church today? (Not your particular church, but the global sense of the word “church.”)

Is it ever going to end? How do we, as individuals, influence the church to love one another the way “Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her” (Ep. 5:25)?

8. According to John 15, what is the secret ingredient that keeps us connected to the love of Christ?
9. If all believers are staying connected to Christ, in close proximity, abiding in Him, how might this have a positive influence on the degree to which believers in the body of Christ love another and have less “biting and devouring” of each other?

10. In 1 John verses 17 and 18, John claims that perfect love casts out fear. Fear of what?

Find at least one scripture that gives you confidence that there is no need to fear death if you are a true born-again disciple of Jesus.

### **Core Truths** Discovering Biblical truth

In your own words, share at least one core truth God has shown you in this week's study and why it is timely or significant for you.

### **Practice Makes Progress** Putting knowledge into practice

What action is the Lord prompting you to take this week as a result of being in His Word?

### **Worth Memorizing**

Scripture: *In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins (1 John 4:10).*

### **Prayer Time**

How can your Life Group pray for you this week?

### **Praise Time**

How has God blessed you and answered prayer this week?