



SERMON DISCUSSION

Does God Love Me

Quotable Moments:

- A right standing with God comes from God through faith in Jesus.
- Love is full of grace and truth.

Scripture: John 1:14 and John 8:4-5

Key Things You Heard:

- Love is something we do. Love is who God is.
- You can choose to love or not love, but because it's the essence of who God is, love is always God's response.
- Jesus didn't choose between grace and truth. He was full of both at the same time, because that's what love looks like.
- There's truth to show me how to live and there's grace and forgiveness when I don't measure up, and Jesus gives them both to us in full measure at the same time.

Pray: Jesus, thank you for not only demonstrating love, but also being the very definition of love. Thank you for showing us how to be full of grace and truth. Help me to follow your example in my interactions with others. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Moving Forward:

- Memorize John 1:14
- Pay attention to how demonstration of real love changes the people around you.
- Re-watch and/or share the sermon with a friend. Go to rivertown.cc or the RCC App.

Questions for Group Discussion:

First Minutes: Did you grow up hearing more about God as truth or God as grace? How did that shape your view of what a relationship with God looks like?

- What stood out the most to you in this conversation?
- Think of a situation where someone loved you enough to share truth with you. How did their response change you?
- Read John 1:14. What difference does it make that John was an eyewitness of Jesus on earth. Matt said "Grace and truth aren't mutually exclusive. They're mutually dependent." How does this statement change your understanding of how we should respond?
- Read John 8:4-5. Consider the perspective of each character in the story. How might they have responded to Jesus' words? How did His response change their paradigm of God's love? How might you have responded if you were there?
- Have you viewed God as a God of grace or truth? How can understanding Him as grace AND truth change your response to Him?
- Think of a relationship where you need to begin to show grace and truth, as Jesus modeled? What is God showing you your next step is?