



A People of Love

Series: Hope of All the Earth

Scripture: John 1:14; 1 John 4:7-9

The Big Idea: We serve the God who _____ and that we are to _____ a _____ who love.

Scripture constantly reminds us that the story of God is one where God is constantly _____ out to the world in love.

- God _____ in our weakness, our _____, our pain, our sorrow, and even our death, so that we might share in the very _____ of God.
- God seeks _____ with us.
- We are _____ to _____ in relationship.

We are called to _____ others as God has _____ you.

- Love is an _____ that involves _____.
 - it can't be forced
 - it can't require reciprocity

3 things we all should do in response to God's love for us.

1. _____ life & _____
2. _____ with _____
3. _____ empathetic _____

Start talking.

- When you hear the phrase “God is love,” what images or experiences come to mind for you?
- Which part of the Advent journey—hope, peace, joy, or love—has been most meaningful to you this season?

Start thinking:

- What does it mean that “*the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us*”? Why is this such a powerful picture of God’s love?
- How is God’s love different from the way love is often understood or practiced in our culture?
- Why do you think love must involve action and risk, rather than just feelings or intentions?

Start Sharing:

- When have you experienced God’s love meeting you exactly where you were—not where you thought you should be?
- Which is more challenging for you: receiving God’s unconditional love or extending that same love to others? Why?
- Is there a relationship or situation where God may be inviting you to love more intentionally right now?

Start Praying:

- Thank God together for the ways His love has been revealed through Jesus this Advent season.
- Pray for hearts that are open to receiving God’s love without fear or shame.
- Pray for courage to love others as Christ has loved us, especially when it is difficult or costly.

Heavenly Father, thank You that You are love, and You showed it by sending Jesus, so we might live through Him (1 John 4:7-9). Fill my heart with Your love, that I may love others as You have loved me, showing Your presence and making Your love complete in me. Help me to be a conduit for Your love, seeing and serving others sacrificially, and dispelling fear with Your perfect love in my actions and words. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week

- Who is one person God may be calling you to love through encouragement, service, or presence this week?
- Which of the three practices from the sermon—speaking life, serving generously, or practicing empathetic presence—will you intentionally practice?
- Identify one tangible way you can express God’s love in your church or community.