

RCMI L-Path Teaching
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TITLE: JESUS THE LOVE GIVER

BIG IDEA: God is love and only through Him can we all experience true love.

VERSE: 1 John 4:7-12 (NLT)

7 Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. 8 But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

9 God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. 10 This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

11 Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. 12 No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us.

INTRO:

- What is love?
- This is a universal question that generations after generations are trying to answer. And yet, man has no single answer for it.
- Why, because love is not something we can define.
- Love is not something we can also invent.
- To know love, we must receive it and experience it.

HOW CAN ONE FIND LOVE?

1. Loves comes from God. (The Source)

- a. The real source of love is God. That is where it all starts.
- b. *Verse 7 - Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. 8 But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.*
- c. We cannot manufacture love on our own. No matter how much we want to do it, if we don't get it from the source, it is not love. It is just affection, it is just feeling, it is just infatuation, it is just blind.
- d. Love comes from God; it is something we receive and experience.
- e. Question is, how did God expressed His love for us?

2. Jesus was the ultimate expression of God's love. (The Expression)

- a. *Verse 9 God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. 10 This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.*
- b. God loved us first, not the other way around.
- c. And how did God loved us?
 - i. *v9 God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him.*
 - ii. The measurement of God's love is on the one He sent. And that is Jesus, His one and only Son.

- iii. God's love was beyond measure.
 - iv. Jesus was the ultimate expression of His love to us.
 - d. True Love truly exists.
 - i. *1 John 3:16 (The Voice) - We know what true love looks like because of Jesus. He gave His life for us...*
 - ii. What Jesus did in the cross, was the truest sense of love. (Lubos lubos, totoong totoo)
 - e. Question is, what do we need to do now that we have experienced God's love.
- 3. We ought to love one another. (The Evidence)
 - a. Verse 11 Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other.
 - b. Loving one another is the very evidence of God's love in us.
 - c. What are the evidences?
 - i. 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 - 4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 8 Love never fails.
 - ii. There are 8 things that describes what Love is and 8 things that describes what Love is not.
 - iii. What love is...Patient, Kind, Rejoices with the truth, always Protects, always Trusts, always Hopes, always Persevere, Never Fails.
 - iv. What love is not...Does not envy, Does not boast, Not proud, Does not dishonor others, not self-seeking, not easily angered, keeps no record of wrongs, does not delight in evil.
 - v. These are the very evidences of love which was seen in the Father, and in the Son. And these are the same evidences that God's expects from us as we love one another.

CONCLUSION:

- *Romans 8:38-39 - 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*
- God's love will never fail.
- No matter what our situation is, nothing can separate us from the love of God.
- This is one sure thing that we can hold on always. We only need to remain.
 - *John 15:9 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.*

DISCUSSION:

1. Are their times you feel alone and not loved?
2. Have you found the true love of Jesus Christ in your life?
3. Among the evidences of God's love, share how you have experienced it in your life.
4. What are the challenges that you have right now in loving others?