

## DIGGING DEEPER



1. What did you learn from our study of 1 John 4:7-11 that you did not already know? What one change do you purpose to make in your life as a result of this study?
2. In what human accomplishment does God most delight and in what achievement are we most fulfilled? Read and explain Jeremiah 9:23-24.
3. What does it mean to know God (John 17:3), rather than merely to know about God? Explain how someone can truly and intimately know God.
4. If we know God, why is loving others essential? Why is it impossible to know God and not love others?
5. Hollywood declared in a 1955 film that "Love is a many splendid thing." How does Hollywood and the world in general typically understand love? How is your view similar and/or different? Using the four Greek words for love discussed in this study how do you define love? Is love a feeling?

### *For Long-Handled Shovels*

- Identify one person in your life you find the most difficult to love? What does the Bible command you to do for this individual? (1 Jn. 3:18; Mt. 5:43,44; Rom. 12:20)
- What do you purpose to do this week for them? Share your intentions with at least one other person so that they can pray for you and them.

## Knowing God



## Loving one Another

*1 John 4:7-11*

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## 1 John 4:7-11

<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup> In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

### What is Love?

- **eros** =
- **storge** =
- **phileo** =
- **agape** =

### I. The Essence of Love: \_\_\_\_\_

A. Those who Love (7)

B. Those who do not Love (8)

### Ephesians 3:14-19

For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup> from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, <sup>16</sup> that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, <sup>17</sup> that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup> may be able to comprehend with all the saints what *is* the width and length and depth and height—<sup>19</sup> to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

### II. The Expression of Love: \_\_\_\_\_

A. The Object of Love (9)

B. The Sacrifice of Love (10)

### III. The Effects of Love: \_\_\_\_\_

A. \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 5:5)

B. \_\_\_\_\_ (Eph. 2:4,5)

C. \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Jn. 4:16)

D. \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Thess. 3:5)

E. \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Jn. 2:5)

F. \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Jn. 4:17-19)

G. \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Jn. 3:1,2)

H. \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Jn. 7-12)

"We may ignore, but we can nowhere evade, the presence of God. The world is crowded with Him. He walks everywhere *incognito*." -C.S. Lewis