

DIGGING DEEPER



1. What did you learn from our study of 1 John 4:12-16 that you did not already know? What one change do you purpose to make in your life as a result of this study?
2. Review the outline, personalizing it with “Your Confidence”, “Your Confession” and “Your Conviction”. Explain how each of these is crucial to you.
3. Explain the “witness of the Holy Spirit”. How do you distinguish the “witness of the Spirit” from your emotions, intuition, or something else?
4. Why is it important to affirm that God the Father sent His Son into the world? How does the incarnation of Jesus Christ relate to God’s love for the world? How does your love evidence God’s love to others?
5. Is it possible to “see” or “know” God apart from Jesus Christ? Explain. How can others “see” or “know” Christ through you?

For Long-Handled Shovels

- Describe how each member of the divine trinity has evidenced love to you?
- If no one has seen God at any time (4:12; Jn. 1:18), then explain how you “know” God. (Read: Jn. 1:15-18, 34; 14:7-9).
- How is it possible to others to “see Christ in you” (Col. 1:27)?

Seeing God



By Loving one Another

1 John 4:12-16

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¹² No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. ¹³ By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son *as* Savior of the world. ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

Love Manifested by:

- God the Father (7-8)
- God the Son (9-11)
- God the Spirit (12-16)

I. Our Confidence (12-13)

“We Know...”

A. By the Witness of _____ (12)

- 1.
2.
 - a)
 - b)

B. By the Witness of _____ (13)

- 1.
- 2.

II. Our Confession (14-15)

We have Seen & Testify...

A. That the Father _____ (14)

- 1.
- 2.

B. That Jesus _____ (15)

- 1.
- 2.

III. Our Conviction (16)

“We have known and believed...”

A. That God _____

B. That God _____

C. That if we abide in Love _____

D. That if we abide in Love _____