
C. STRENGTHENING CHARACTER

C5: I want to strengthen my heart to greater love [I John 4:7-11]

A STORY A friend share with me his disappointment in a relationship that he had trusted for many years. He expressed that he felt like he couldn't love this person any more. He felt that he did not have it in him. Yet, he knew he should love more deeply. He expressed to me "I WANT TO STRENGTHEN MY HEART FOR GREATER LOVE" I suggested we look at I John 4:7-11.

DIGGING INTO THE BIBLE

I John 4:7-11:

Dear friends let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

DISCOVERY AND DISCUSSION

1. Read this passage and meditate on it.
2. What are the key concepts about love in this section of scripture?
3. If I want to increase my love what does this passage tell us that needs to happen?
4. What did God do to show his love for us?

APPLICATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY

5. What can you do to demonstrate and increase your love for God?
6. What can you do to demonstrate and increase your love for people?
7. Think of some specific people that you want to increase your love for?
8. What would be something you could do or say to show them your love?
9. When would you do this?
10. What would be another step to see this permeate your soul?