



February 1-2<sup>nd</sup> 2020 Sermon  
“Where Is The Love?”

1 John 2:7-11

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<sup>7</sup> Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you have heard. <sup>8</sup> At the same time, it is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. <sup>9</sup> Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. <sup>10</sup> Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling. <sup>11</sup> But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

- 1) In his sermon, Pastor Ryan suggested that God’s commands were always rooted in the reality of a relationship with God. (See Matthew 22:37-40, Deuteronomy 6:4-5, and Leviticus 19:18) How does that bring freedom as we follow Him?
- 2) John suggests in verse 9 that this true light shines through Christ and You. What does it practically look like to allow this light to shine through you? What’s one way that we can reflect His love?
- 3) What’s the difference between being “nice” and “loving?” Where are you most tempted towards the first?
- 4) Who are you most tempted to “hate” and why? What would choosing to love that person require you to surrender?
- 5) Based on John’s test that “The genuineness of our love for others reveals the genuineness of our love for Christ.” Are you convicted or encouraged? How can this group pray with or encourage you?