

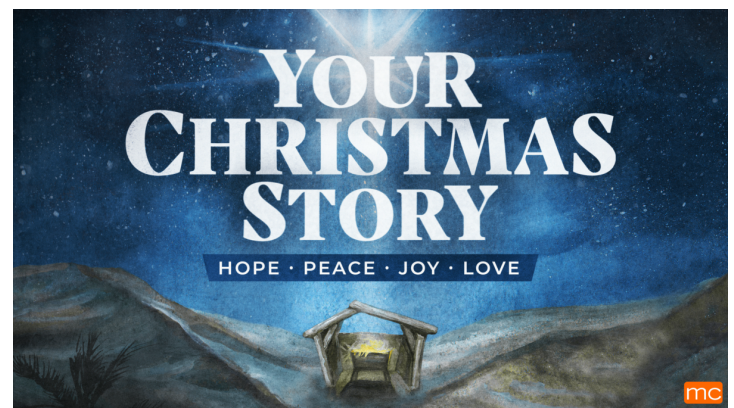
Talk It Over

Questions are prepared each week and are designed to prompt insights, questions, and the life experience of each listener. If these are used immediately following the sermon, it would be much the same as what was done in Israel at the time of the early church.

Warm up:

Think about a song title that might best describe your thoughts of love when you think about the story of your life. Some suggestions for you:

- The Greatest Love of All
- Love Hurts
- Looking for Love in All the Wrong Places
- I Wanna Know What Love Is



Read:

1 John 4:9-10

Discuss:

1. Read 1 John 4:9 again. Which of the above song titles might best describe what the verse is talking about? Why and how does it apply to your life?
2. How have difficult moments of love in your life assisted you in discovering the "real love" (verse 10 NLT) that God offers through Jesus?
3. Real love can also be called divine love. Divine is something that comes directly from God. How does it impact your life when you think about God giving you love that you did not ask for?
4. How can God's example of "real love" impact the way you love others? Hint - think about initiating love for others, even difficult people.
5. Read 1 John 4:13-15. If God is love and the Spirit of God is God, and the Spirit is in us, that means we are like little Jesus's walking around on this earth. How does that become a game-changer in your story?

Wrap Up:

As you close your time together, think about how real love might change you and the people around you, and ask God to remind you of this in the week ahead and especially as we celebrate the real love of Jesus on Christmas.