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THE CHURCH IS A
FAMILY

A Family of Love

1 John 4:7-21

Sunday, September 10, 2023

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As we continue our Fall Vision series "The Church Is A Family," we dive into a core truth of God's church—that it is to be a family of supernatural love.

_____ **to Sacrificial Love**

_____ **Focus**

Lack of _____ **Leading**

_____ **of Sacrificial Love**

_____ **in Life**

_____ **to the World**

_____ **God's Love** _____

Through God's _____

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NEXT STEPS: Determine for yourself one barrier that keeps you from sacrificially loving others, and how remembering God's love for you can help move you through that barrier.

NEXT WEEK: The Church Is A Family | Life Together

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Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the perfect time to jump in at gracecentralcoast.org/groups

CONNECT *(ask this question to check-in with your group)*

Growing up, how did your family show love to each other?

DISCUSS *(use some of these questions to process God's Word together)*

1. How did you "come under" God's word in the text and message this week?
2. How have you grown in your experience of God's love for you? Have you found anything that helps His love become more real to your heart?
3. What does John describe in an effort to prove to us that God loves us? (see 1 John 3:1, 16; 4:9, 10)

4. Why is it so important that we experience God's love in our own hearts before we try to sacrificially love each other in the church? (see 1 John 4:19)

5. When you imagine our church being known for supernatural love for one another, what sort of things do you imagine going on in our church?

6. Which barriers do you run into when it comes to loving others in the church family sacrificially? What blessings are most exciting to you?

PRAY *(use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)*

- Pray for a deeper appreciation of God's love for y'all in Christ.
- Pray for supernatural power from the Holy Spirit to love each other sacrificially.
- Pray for one another's spiritual and physical needs.