



## REFLECTION AND STUDY GUIDE

For Life Group Zoom Meeting on Aug 19, 7:30

### SERMON SERIES: DETOX, REFUEL, ENGAGE

Spiritual Preparation for a New Ministry Year at Harvest

**Sermon-Aug 16 REFUEL 1 John 3:23-24**

*And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he commanded us. Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us. 1 John 3:23-24*

**Main ideas- We don't Detox to Retox...but to Refuel.**

**We refuel our lives by being filled with the Holy Spirit**

**and by the fruit of the Holy Spirit which is Love...**

**The only legitimate Christian life is the Spirit-filled life.**

**The character of the Spirit-filled life is a life of love**

**1-The ONLY thing that matters is that your faith can be seen through your love.**

*For in Christ Jesus is neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love. Galatians 5:6*

*If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing...So now faith, hope and love abide; but the greatest of these is love.*

1 Corinthians 13 1-3; 13

**A. Give some examples of how love should characterize all we do.**

**B. Give an example of when love should take precedence over truth.**

**C. The love of God and others is the greatest commandment and truest mark of a Christian. The priority of love is the fundamental obedience that God expects from us. How can I be more intentional to make loving God and others my priority?**



**2- To love God is to not sin against God; To love others is to not sin against them.**

*Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.* 1 John 4:7-12

- A. Is there some way I love sin (self) more than I love God and others?**
- B. Comment on Piper's quote, "Sin is what I do when I'm not satisfied with God."**
- C. *"Whoever loves has been born of God and knows God"* 1 John 4:7  
**Describe characteristics of the love that those who know God ought to show.**
- D. The world's "love" is not love but a lie of the enemy. How would you describe characteristics of worldly love?**
- E. Comment on the statement: The problem with our troubled world is that those who don't know God don't know how to love.**

**3- Love is tested and verified and by this we know that he abides in us.**

*God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. (v.12)*

- A. Discuss ways we can apply the perfected love that God gives us:**
  - 1- Beginning at home
  - 2- With our Church family
  - 3- Investing in the next generation (in the "least of these")

**4-Drink from the Source of Love; Be filled with the Holy Spirit.**

*"by the Spirit whom he has given us"* 1 John 3:24b

- A. What can we do to be filled with the Holy Spirit?**  
Psalm 63:1-8; Philippians 4:8-9; Acts 1; Luke 11:9-13; 2 Timothy 1:6-7