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*Love is Contagious*

The Power of Love – Part 7

I John 4:7-19

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Q. Is love contagious?

*“We must discover the power of love, the power, the redemptive power of love. And when we discover that we will be able to make of this old world a new world. We will be able to make men better. Love is the only way.”*

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Command: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

John 15:17 *"This I command you, that you love one another.*

I John 4:7 *Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.*

I John 4:11 *Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.*

I John 4:19 *We love, because He first loved us.*

Why Love one Another?

1. Love is evidence that we are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (V. 7)

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1. Love is evidence that we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (V. 8)

I John 4:8 *The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.*

1. Love reflects \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (V. 9-10)

I John 4:9-10 *By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*

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1. Christ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us to love. (V. 12 - 18)

I John 4:12-18 *No one has seen God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us. 13 By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. 14 We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world. 15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. 16 We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. 17 By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because as He is, so also are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love.*

Point:

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. When have you experienced love to be contagious?
2. When have you experienced God’s love? How have you experienced God’s love?
3. How have you experienced God’s contagious love? How has God’s love made you more loving? How do you see God’s love revealed/manifested in your love for others?