

QUESTIONS YOU ASKED: How can you know God?

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1 John 4:7-12

7 Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9 God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only 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 atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

REFLECT & DISCUSS

1. Read the passage slowly. Then take a deep breath and read it again. What word, phrase, or image stands out to you?
2. What helps you feel close or connected to God? What places, practices, or people draw you deeper into God's presence?
3. If someone were to ask you to draw God, what images or metaphors would you use to capture your sense of the divine?
4. What images or metaphors for God do you no longer find useful or accurate in understanding God?
5. Is God a reality that can be proven, pointed to, or fully understood? Why or why not?
6. How has your understanding of God grown, changed, or shifted over the years? What, if anything, has remained stable in your sense of God?
7. What do you think it means to say and believe "God is love" (verse 8)?
8. The word "perfected" in verse 12 might also be translated "completed" or "made whole". How does that help you understand verse 12?

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QUESTIONS

Lenten Sermon Series

Jesus asked over 300 questions in the gospels. He knew the power and promise of a good question. Lean into the questions Jesus asked, and explore some of the hardest questions you asked.

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Questions You Asked: How Can You Know God? (1 John 4:7-12)

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Questions Jesus Asked: What Are You Looking For? (John 1:35-42)

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(Matthew 22:8-11, 34-40)

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