

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Strong and Sure

Strong in Love – I John 3:11-18

Discussion Points

May 24, 2020

Read/Reflect

1. Read I John 3:11-18. John also picks up this theme of loving one another in 2:9-11, and again in 4:7-21. Why is this such an important aspect of Christian (and church) life for John, do you think? How can it be applied into the church of our time?

Explore

2. Where in your life do you tend to “take matters into your own hands”. How does this get in the way of “loving one another” for you?
3. When you take matters into your own hands where would you place your tendency to express it on the following scale?



4. What definitions or expectations of love do you assume? And how does that line up with how John describes love in I John 3:16 and 4:18? How do you define love?
5. In what ways do you or could you “lay down your life” for others:

<input type="checkbox"/> Honor people who I think are wrong	<input type="checkbox"/> Change my attitude about politics
<input type="checkbox"/> Serve someone I don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> Surrender a position of privilege at work
<input type="checkbox"/> Offer a gift to someone in need	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
6. When are you afraid to love?
7. How can (or do) you remind yourself of God's amazing and enormous love for you?

Pray

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus
 Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free
 Rolling as a mighty ocean
 In its fullness over me

Underneath me, all around me
 Is the current of your love

Leading onward, leading homeward
 To your glorious rest above

Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus
 Spread his praise from shore to shore
 How he loves us, ever loves us,
 Changes never, nevermore.

