



Sermon
Discussion
Guide

Sunday, September 18, 2022

Undone: Undone By God's Love

Read/Reflect

1. Read I John 3:1. John himself refers to his audience as “my children” throughout this letter. Suddenly at 3:1 he refers to being “children of God.” Do you think the switch is intentional? What might John be communicating?
2. What are the implications of being a child of God? (Gal. 3:26; Matt.5:9; Rom. 8:16-17; John 1:12).

Explore

3. When have you felt God's love “lavished” upon you? Have you ever felt overwhelmed by God's love for you? Or stunned, or undone?
4. What does it mean to you specifically, to be a child of God?
5. When have your expectations (e.g. for lifestyle, what others owe you,) gotten in the way of experiencing God's love for you?
6. What do you find yourself hoping for on a daily basis? Might what you hope for also reflect some of your biggest fear(s)?
7. John says we don't know what the future holds, but when Christ appears, we will be like him. What excites you about being like Christ?

Pray

- Pray about what might be in the way of knowing God's love for you (e.g. pride, unbelief, fear)
- Celebrate God's love for us despite the cost:

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished.