

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

SUNDAY 10th JANUARY 2021

BIBLE

GALATIANS 5:22-23 and 1 JOHN 4:7-12

Ask God for help for yourself and the church as we read His word.
Read Galatians 5:22-23 and 1 John 4:7-12

LISTEN

SERMON BY SPENCER CRITOPH

Follow the link in the email to listen to a sermon on this passage.

REFLECTION

QUESTIONS AND NOTES

- What leads us to love others? Are there different types of love?
- Read 1 John 4:7-8
 - What are we called to do?
 - Where does that love come from?
 - How does this relate to the fruit of the Spirit?
 - Are these verses saying that those who are not Christians can not love?
 - How would you respond to someone who read v7-8 and says 'I don't love. Does that mean I don't know God?'
 - How does this relate back to the idea of the fruit of the Spirit?
 - God is love. Think about what we know about God and how that impacts his love. Eg God has no end so his love has no end.
 - How can we reflect on the statement that 'God is love'?
- Read 1 John 4:9-10
 - We can't fully get our heads around God's love but we can see it displayed. In these verses how is God's love displayed?
 - What is the definition of this type of love? What does this passage show us about what God's love is like?

- What would you say to someone who feels they don't deserve God's love?
- What would you say to someone who doesn't feel like they experience God's love
- What might you say to someone who is not a christian who says that God just sounds like a strict teacher who rewards you if you have been good and punishes you if you have been bad?
- Read 1 John 4:11-12
 - If we experience God's love how do we respond?
 - Why does Paul mention 'no one has seen God.'?
 - What is to be our motivation to loving one another?
 - How is this different to trying hard on our own strength?
- How does the fruit of the Spirit relate to all of this?

PRAYER

RESPOND TO GOD IN PRAISE AND PLEADING

Use the Lord's Prayer to help you structure your prayers. Pray in response to the passage, for yourself, the church and others.