

UNSHAKEABLE

INTIMACY WITH GOD LEADS TO CONFIDENT FAITH

About the Series: In a dark world, God is light. In a cold world, God brings love. In a dying world, God brings life. In this study of John's first letter, you will learn what it means to be in fellowship with God and see that growing more intimately close to Him builds up a confident faith that will allow you to be unshakeable in times of uncertainties.

PART 7

Love in Action

1 John 4:7-19 | Dr. Stephen G. Tan

Discussion Questions

1. What is the craziest expression of love that you have seen or heard?
2. We all know and understand the emotion of love because we've all experienced loving another person, but the expression of love in action comes in many different forms. What does the Bible teach about love in action? Read 1 John 4:7-19.

God is the author of love; He gets to define its expressions and actions (v. 7-8). Why did John encourage Christians to love one another? What is the connection between loving and knowing God? How is your definition of love different from how God defines it? Why does God set boundaries in the way we should express love?

Love is sacrificially giving something to those who do not deserve it and cannot hope to attain it (v. 9-11). How did God show His great love to undeserving people like us? What makes His demonstration of love so great and sacrificial? How do you respond to God's sacrificial love for you? Is it easy to love other Christians? Why or why not?

Our sacrificial love helps the world understand God's love for them (v. 12-16). As a Christian, how do you know that you live in God and God lives in you? What makes it difficult to love another Christian? On the other hand, what are some sacrificial ways you can show that you love your fellow

Christians? How do you think doing this would impact the people around you who do not know Christ yet as their Savior?

Love demonstrated on the cross and lived out ensures confidence when facing the ultimate Judge (v. 17-19). What would be the purpose of a believer standing before the Judgment Seat of Christ in the future? Why should you not fear this judgment for all believers? In what ways have you been emulating God's love and demonstrating it to others?

Reflect & Respond

Our Lord Jesus Christ demonstrated His perfect love for us when He showed it through His sacrificial action by dying on the cross for us. How do you respond to His unconditional love? How can you help the world to understand God's love for them? What specific steps could you take to demonstrate your love for a brother or sister in the Lord?

Prayer

Heavenly Father, I cannot thank You enough for loving me sacrificially and unconditionally. I may not deserve that kind of love, but You did it anyway. Thank You so much Lord. Please help me to respond to Your love by loving others as well. May You help me to demonstrate Your perfect love to my fellow believers, and to others who do not know You yet. Thank You that I know I can do it because You are there to help me. I pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.