



**January 9, 2016**  
**~Sermon Notes~**

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## ~Life Group Questions~

1. Read 1 John 4:7-21
2. Thinking back to Sunday's sermon, is there anything that particularly caught your attention, confused or challenged you?
3. Discuss your thoughts on the vision of becoming a Christ-centered, Acts 1:8 Family.

### **A CHRIST-CENTERED**

We start with Jesus—  
He is the One who is the source of our love,  
the cause of our worship and the core of our message

### **ACTS 1:8**

We rely on the Holy Spirit's filling as we seek to fulfill  
our calling to every segment of society

### **FAMILY**

We are at our best when we do this together—Serving in  
a local church and among a community of local churches.

4. What are the four ways we seek to express the vision of being a Christ-centered, Acts 1:8 family?

Together we will **L**\_\_\_\_, **P**\_\_\_\_,  
**R**\_\_\_\_ and **L**\_\_\_\_\_.

5. The first mention of the church is found in Matthew 16:17-18. Pastor Kurt shared that the Greek word translated "church" literally means "the called out ones" and could be used to describe all sorts of assemblies of people (for examples see Acts 19:30-32 & Acts 9:31).
- a. What are some of the ways that the sacred assembly of God's people is distinguished from a secular assembly?
  - b. What are some of the ways that the sacred assembly of God's people is not distinguished from a secular assembly?
6. Is it possible to be a Christian and not be a part of God's called out people, that assembly which is universally known as the Church?
7. Even though being adopted into God's family (Ro. 8:15) is an indispensable part of salvation, some Christians decide to "go it alone." Discuss if this is advisable in light of Hebrews 10:23-25.

### **Hebrews 10:23–25**

<sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; <sup>24</sup> and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

8. According to 1 Corinthians 13:13 what might the most appropriate one world label for the church?

### **1 Corinthians 13:13**

But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love.

9. According to John 13:34-35 what did Jesus say would be the outcome of the church's love for one another?

10. Discuss the following definition of love.

**Love is always valuing and never devaluing.**

11. According to 1 John 4:9 & 10 how did God demonstrate His love for us?

12. Refer to 1 John 4:7,11, & 19 and discuss what should be our motivation to love others.

13. What do 1 John 4:8 & 20 tell us about the "one who does not love?"

14. Discuss some practical ways that you can express God's love to those in your life to a greater degree.