

**Anticipating Advent**  
**Anticipating LOVE**  
Sermon Notes for Dec. 20, 2020

1. God's M \_\_\_\_\_ in sending His Son

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**Discussion/Study Guide for Anticipating LOVE**

We hope this guide will help you go deeper into God's Word and spur you on in obedience to what God is teaching us today. Please feel free to use all or part of it for your group discussion or personal study.

- How would you finish the following sentence? During the season of advent, the word LOVE makes me think of...
- What is a favorite memory of a past Christmas? What is one of your most memorable Christmas gifts?
- Whose gift are you looking forward to giving most this year?
- Read 1 John 4:7-11. Where do you see Christmas referred to in these verses?
- From these verses what word best describes God?
- Read John 17:24-26. According to verse 24, what was God the Father doing "before the foundation of the world?" Why is this important to understand about God?
- According to these two passages, what was God's motivation in sending His Son? See also John 3:16.
- In 1 John 4:9, John says that the love of God was made manifest among us. What does the word manifest mean to you? How did God manifest His love among us?
- Romans 5:8 uses the word "demonstrates" (NIV) to describe God's love. What does this word mean to you? How did God demonstrate His love according to this verse? How does this verse relate to 1 John 4:10?
- According to 1 John 4:9, what were God's purposes in sending His only Son into the World?
- Read John 1:12. According to this verse, how does a person become the recipient of God's love? See also Rev. 3:21
- What is our status with God when we receive Jesus and believe in His name?
- According to 1 John 4:11, how should we respond to the love that God has shown us? Who do you know right now that needs your love? How can you demonstrate love to them?

Spend some time thanking God for His great love for you. Receive His love for you. Tell Him you believe that Jesus's sacrifice of His life has satisfied your debt of sin. Ask Him to fill you with His love, to show you who you can love, and how to show that love to them.