

**Grow in Love**  
**Growing a Godly Family – Part 4**  
Life Church St. Louis – July 9, 2017  
Lead Pastor – Dr. Dan Walker

*Matthew 19:4 (ESV) He answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female,*

*Matthew 19:5 (ESV) and said, "Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh"?*

*Matthew 19:6 (ESV) So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."*

*Genesis 1:28 (ESV) And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."*

**1. \_\_\_\_\_ God's love**

*John 3:16 (ESV) "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*

**A. You can't \_\_\_\_\_ God's love**

*Romans 5:8 (ESV) but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

**B. You must \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus**

*John 1:12 (ESV) But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,*

**2. Love one \_\_\_\_\_**

*1 John 4:7 (ESV) Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.*

**A. No love means you don't \_\_\_\_\_ God**

*1 John 4:8 (ESV) Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.*

**B. Jesus is our \_\_\_\_\_ of love**

*1 John 4:9 (ESV) In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.*

**3. Love with \_\_\_\_\_ love**

*1 John 4:10 (ESV) In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*

**A. God's love \_\_\_\_\_ our love**

*1 John 4:11 (ESV) Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.*

**B. You grow in God's love as you love \_\_\_\_\_**

*1 John 4:12 (ESV) No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.*

**Action Plan for This Week**

- Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading, prayer & writing.
  - Mon  Tue  Wed  Thu  Fri  Sat  Sun

How will I obey God's Word this week? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Grow in Love Study Guide**  
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Intro. Why is it important for the church to address issues like transgenderism with biblical truth (Matthew 19:4)?

How does Jesus' definition of marriage speak to the issue of homosexual marriage (Matthew 19:5)?

What is wrong with supporting homosexual marriage with the legal system (Romans 1:26-28, Romans 13:3-4)?

What is God's plan for the family (Matthew 19:6)?

How are children part of God's plan for the family (Genesis 1:28)?

1A. Why is Jesus the only way to experience God's love (John 3:16)?

1B. What does Romans 5:8 tell you about God's unconditional love?

1C. How would you explain what it means to receive Jesus (John 1:12)?

1D. Why is your immediate family your first priority to see saved and discipled?

2A. How are believers able to obey the command to love one another according to 1 John 4:7?

2B. Why is not showing God's agape love the evidence for not knowing God (1 John 4:8)?

2C. In what ways is Jesus our example of God's love (1 John 4:9)?

2D. How is God's love for us tough love (Hebrews 12:6-11)?

2E. How should our love for our family members and relatives also be tough love?

3A. How does God's love break through the barrier of our sin (1 John 4:10)?

3B. How can an understanding of God's love motivate us to love one another (1 John 4:11)?

3C. What is the fruit of obeying the command to love one another (1 John 4:12)?

3D. What are some ways that a family can grow in God's love together?

3E. What hindrances to growing in God's love does a family have to overcome?