

The Words of Life

Love's Origin Story

Scripture: 1st John 4:7-21

Communion Sunday

Big Question: What is love and where is it found?

Big Idea: *Love is the character of God and the new nature of a believer.*

Introduction: *Love's Origin Story*

What is love?

- Love's source: God
 - Genuine love is only found in God.
- Love's story of origin in the world: Jesus Christ
 - Genuine love sacrifices for others without seeking anything in return.
- Love's sighting in the world today: Jesus Christ followers.
 - Genuine lives of love confirm and proclaim our faith.
- Love's signature in believers: The Holy Spirit.
 - The ability to love genuinely and fearlessly is given by the Holy Spirit.

Applications: How do I take possession of this message and live it out in my life?

- Jesus-like love for others calls us to pay-it-forward not to pay-it-back.
- Jesus-like love for others is out of gratitude not guilt.
- Jesus-like love is the character of God and the nature of His followers.

*Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. **1**No one has ever seen God;but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.*

1st John 4:11-12