



ADVENT: A COMPELLING LOVE

1 John 4:7-12

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**BIG IDEA:** The cross should compel us to love.

## THE MOTIVATION OF LOVE (vv. 7-8)

God's love for us should motivate us to love others. (*John 13:35*)

God enables us to love others when we abide in Christ. (*1 John 4:15*)

## THE MODEL OF LOVE (vv. 9-10)

In love God sent His Son to give us life. (*John 3:16*)

In love Jesus became our substitute. (*Romans 5:6-9*)

## THE MANDATE OF LOVE (vv. 11-12)

God's love supersedes our excuses for not loving. (*1 John 3:16-18*)

The mature Christian will be marked by love. (*1 Corinthians 13:1-8a; 13*)

## QUESTIONS TO PONDER

How should the fact that God took the initiative to love us affect the way we love others?

If people looked at your life, would they be able to find great examples of love?