

“Come Out of Heat and Into the Light”

1 John: A Reflective Study on Love and God for Both Men and Women

“The two most difficult things to get straight in life are **love and God**. More often than not, the mess people make of their lives can be traced to failure or stupidity or meanness in one or both of these areas. The basic and biblical Christian conviction is that the two subjects of **love and God are intricately related**. If we want to deal with God the right way, we have to learn to love the right way. If we want to love the right way, we have to deal with God the right way. **God and love** can’t be separated.” –Eugene Peterson’s Introduction to 1 John

It’s true! We mess up in love and often our misunderstanding of how God affects our love and life. It happens! The good news is that God’s love and grace cover over all things. Another piece of the good news is that we are never stuck. By looking at Christ, we grow in understanding God and learning to love well! We can always grow more to see how Jesus provides the full and true understanding of God and how Jesus shows us the mature working-out of love. **God and love!** There is guidance in getting these two things straight in life and 1 John is a God-inspired gift to us.

Come out on Wednesday evenings at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church for a 5-week study on the book written by the pastor and disciple John, “the disciple whom Jesus loved.” The book of 1 John is relevant for us today and for this season of Easter because it is about love and about the one true God, Jesus, the Resurrected Messiah.

We are simply using the Bible so bring your favorite Bible or use one we have.

Wednesdays May 15th, 22nd (not on May 29- Memorial week), June 5th, 12th, and 19th

Location is Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Fellowship Hall, 16250 E El Lago Blvd, Fountain Hills, AZ

Time is 5:30 pm- 6 pm Potluck Salad Dinner (bring one topping to share; lettuce/spinach, dressings and drinks provided).
6:00-7:30 pm 1 John: A Reflective Study on Love and God

Discussion leaders are Pastor Jeff, Kris Teeples, and Sherry Hottenstein.

If you work and can’t arrive until later, please join us anyway! If you cannot attend every week, please join us when you can. We welcome you at any time!

Any and all are invited. If you are a new-comer in town, this is a great place to connect. We welcome you with open arms! If you have questions, please contact the church office at 480-837-9532.