

Antioch Missionary Baptist Church
318 Auburn Ave, Pontiac, Michigan
March 8, 2026 Sunday School Lesson Discussion Points
Bible Studies For Life Series - Young Adult/Adult Class

God Is: Understanding The Character Of God
God is Love – We can only truly know love by knowing God.
1 John 4:7-19

I. 1 John 4:7-10 (God is love & His love is expressed in Jesus' sacrifice)

- A. God is love and love only comes from God. (vs. 7-8)
**Psalm 143:8, 12 (ERV); Proverbs 3:12 (AMP); Psalms 136:1 (CEV);
Psalms 118:1 (ESV)**
- B. The greatest expression of God's love was in sending His only Son, Jesus,
into the world to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. (vs. 9-10) (**Ro 5:12**)
Matthew 1:18-23 (TLB); Romans 5:6-8 (AMP); Romans 4:25 (CEV)

II. 1 John 4:11-15 (We receive God's love in our heart when we trust in Jesus)

- A. We receive the love of God in our heart when we confess and believe or
trust in Jesus Christ as our savior. (vs. 11-15)
John 3:16; Romans 10:9; Ephesians 1:13; Romans 5:5 (AMP)
- B. God expects those who have received His love in their heart to love others.
(vs. 11-15)
John 13:34-35; Galatians 6:10 (ESV); Luke 6:27-28

III. 1 John 4:16-19 (We remain in God's love as we strive to obey His Word)

- A. We remain in God's love or fellowship as we strive to be obedient to God's
Word. (vs. 16)
John 14:21 (TLB); 1 John 1:5-7 (AMP)
- B. God will judge how well we showed love to others when Jesus returns.
(vs. 17-19)
2 Corinthians 5:10; Matthew 25:34-40

Words of Encouragement:

**“5 Such hope [in God's promises] never disappoints us, because God's love
has been abundantly poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit
who was given to us.” Romans 5:5 (AMP)**

Next Lesson: God is Just – Psalm 7:1-13