

# Connect Group Notes

Sermon: Love One Another Deeply

Reading: 1 Peter 4:8 / 1 John 3:16-20

Date: 28th April 2024 (AM)

1. We use 'love' to talk about all sorts of different things. In 1 Peter 4:8, what does Peter mean by 'love' (cf. 1 John 3:16)?
2. The word 'earnestly' (ESV) or 'deeply' (NIV) or 'fervent' (KJV) means to love 'fully stretched'. Both deep and long. That is, concerned for the benefit of another above your own and one that perseveres. Do you find it harder to love deeply or to continue in love over a long period of time?
3. How is Jesus' love not only the standard that teaches us what love but also the motivation for us to love one another deeply?
4. What motivation for loving each other in Church does Peter give?
5. How might what we've been thinking about speak into the following situation:

*Dave first started playing drums in Reception and he's barely put his sticks down since. When he's behind the drum kit he feels confident and happy, knowing he's doing something he's really good at. He has also played in church for as long as he can remember.*

*He's no stranger to controversy around music in church, there have always been people who just don't really like drums. Recently, however, things seem to have ramped up a notch. The congregation is developing groups. One group loves contemporary music and thinks the volume should be loud. The other worries about the direction of travel and, although they don't want to get rid of a band completely, would at least like to be rid of the drums which they feel is most guilty of high volume!*

If you were talking with various groups in this growing division what might you say?