



Summer of Love: Love is Seen and Heard
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For the next 4 weeks we are going to look at an ancient letter called 1 John. The author, John, was someone who hung out with Jesus for 3 years. John was someone who followed Jesus everywhere He went, he saw all the miracles. John was privileged because he was a part of all the inside conversations that happened once the crowds went home. He was there when Jesus died and he showed up just after Jesus rose from the dead. When he writes 1 John, all of his friends who were with Jesus had been killed. You think that he might be mad, but instead of being bitter he has this amazing message of love that is woven through this letter.

"We proclaim to you the one who existed from the beginning, whom we have heard and seen. We saw him with our own eyes and touched him with our own hands.
1 John 1:1 (NLT)

How did Jesus love the people He came across?

1. People heard Jesus.

John 4:1-42

2. People saw who God really was.

Exodus 32

The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood. We saw the glory with our own eyes, the one-of-a-kind glory, like Father, like Son, Generous inside and out, true from start to finish.

John 1:14 (MSG)

3. Jesus let His followers touch Him.

Mark 1:40-45 (NLT)

Large crowds followed Jesus as he came down the mountainside. Suddenly, a man with leprosy approached him and knelt before him. "Lord," the man said, "if you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean." Jesus reached out and touched him. "I am willing," he said. "Be healed!" And instantly the leprosy disappeared. Matthew 8:1-3 (NLT)

Take Aways:

1. People who see Jesus for who He really is, show others.

"Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could he possibly be the Messiah?"
John 4:29 (NLT)

2. Life change happens when you let someone touch your heart.

If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing.
1 Corinthians 13:3 (NLT)