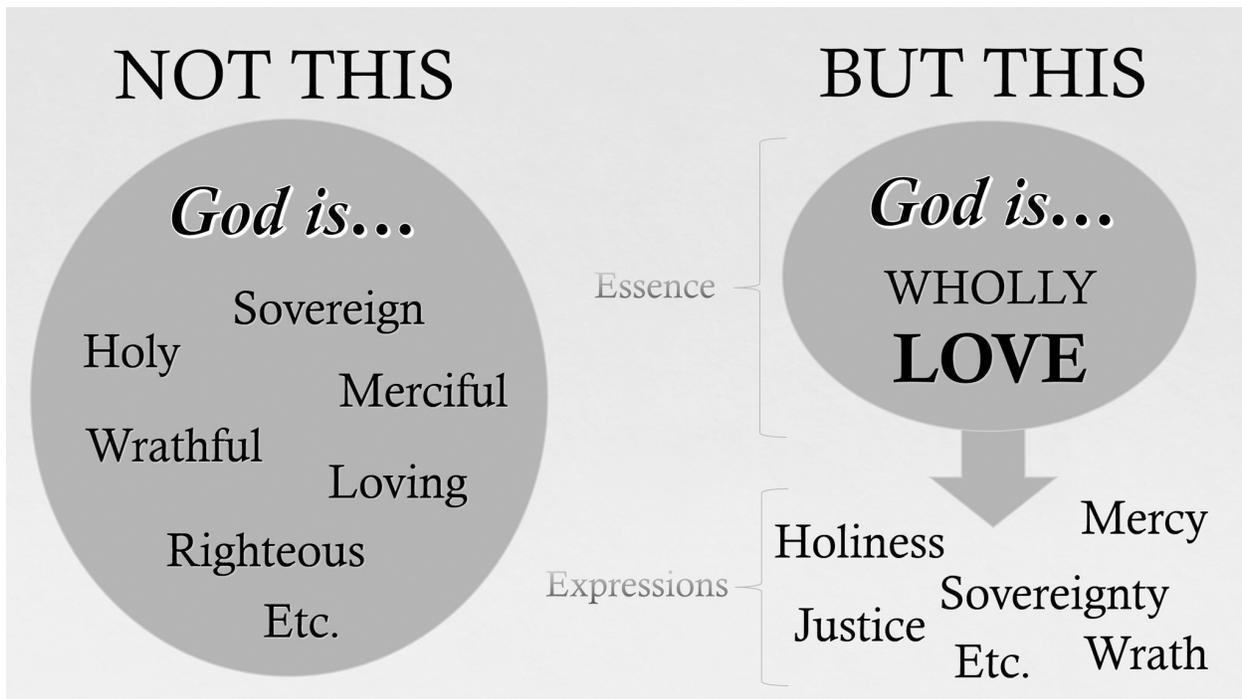


**HANGOUT**

- Discuss:
  - What stood out to you from the teaching? Why?
  - Some people insist God is love—plus holiness, righteousness, wrath, etc. How would you respond to this “balancing” of God’s love? Look at and talk about the diagram below.
  - What difference does the second perspective make in how we share and show God’s love to others?

**HEAR**

- Look up and read 1 John 4:7-21.
- Discuss:
  - Which verse or idea stands out to you? Why?
  - This passage was written to weed out false teachers. What do you think a false teacher is? Why do you think this was dangerous, especially in the first century?
- Note that John gives three tests to help find false teachers: i) their commitment to Jesus (as coming in the flesh and being the Son of God); ii) their commitment to the Apostles' teaching about Jesus; iii) their commitment to embody the love of Christ as unconditional love for the body of Christ.
- Discuss: How can we observe Christian leaders well enough to apply this test? Is it even possible?
- Re-read verses 16-17.

7. Discuss:
  - What does it mean to “live in love”? How would you define it? (e.g., Celebrating how much God loves us and committing to love others well. See how they work together and are both parts of being “like Jesus” in this world.)
  - How is this Good News about no fear of judgement revolutionary? (Also see Jesus’ words in John 5:24.)
  - How does this message of living in love translate into your life at school? At home? Online? In your community? How does it impact your attitude? How you treat people?

## **HUDDLE**

8. Review the Take Outs below.
9. Discuss: Where do you sense God leading you? What’s your next step in living in love? What will you commit to doing this week?
10. Pray for one another and what has been shared.

## **TAKE OUTS**

This week I will take part in the community of peace and love by:

- Attending church on Sunday morning. Tell someone and commit to it.
- Stepping up to serve. Who do you need to contact to get started?
- Committing to give. What could you offer to God?
- Approaching new people with an eagerness to love them well. Which fears or judgements do you need to let go?
- Apologizing quickly. When do you hold on out of stubbornness instead of reconciling?
- Forgiving generously. Who do you need to forgive? What will be your action plan?
- Other? Share the what, why, and how you will follow through this week.