



PRACTICE:

Read this prayer. What do you have to share in your continuing practice of resurrection?

In this moment draw me to yourself, Lord, and make me aware not so much of what I've given as of all I have received and so have yet to share.

Send me forth in power and gladness and with great courage to live out in the world what I pray and profess, that in sharing, I may do justice, make peace, grow in love, enjoy myself, other people, and your world now, and you forever. Amen

-Ted Loder, *Guerillas of Grace*

REFLECTION

1 John 4:7-21

1 John is thought to have been written to a group or congregation that had seen division and struggle. The writer confirms, especially in this passage, that Christ has come to the world in human form, to show God's love and be an example of how God's believers are to love one another. 1 John was a source for John Wesley as he preached about holiness being possible with the love of God.

DISCUSSION

With your reading of this passage, what do you wonder? There are beautiful phrases in these verses, which phrase catches your attention? Is there an invitation for you in the phrase you chose?

We are hearing the echo of Jesus' commandment again (John 13:34, 15:12), to love one another. The word "love" appears many times in this passage. What word or words would you use to express your faith?

