

## **Looking for Love (Inklings Advent Series – Part I)**

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1. This series carries the title “Inklings”. What is an inkling?
  
2. Pastor Steve then suggested that one inking that is common to many is that we long to return to God. Does that resonate with you? Why?
  
3. Churches put great emphasis on Christmas (and Easter), but they don’t fill the longings of our soul. Why not?
  
4. Read Psalm 85:1-2 and determine the perspective from which the writer is viewing events..
  
5. Now look at Psalm 85:8 – 13. What is the perspective in these verses?
  
6. Pastor Steve then distinguished between three forms of love of earth and contrasted them to three forms of love of God. List the six in order and give examples of each.

Love of earth

1)

2)

3)

Love of God

4)

5)

6)

7. What is the system to this sequence? How does one move from one condition to another?

8. Read 1 John 4:7-12 and paraphrase what this passage says about love.

9. Pastor Steve ended by describing a loving relationship as one in which we know each other's needs. We listen to each other, do things for each other, and take time to be together. How does that fit with "love your enemies"? (Matt. 5:34)

10. Where are you on the Love of Earth/Love of God chart? What would it take to get you to move up just one step?