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### Opening Questions

- Talk about a time you stepped out of your comfort zone to show love to another. What was the result?

### Read Together

1 John 2:15

### Big Idea

We must love each other (verse 11)

### Discussion Questions

1. In verse 12 John alludes to Cain & Abel.
  - a. What were Cain's actions motivated by?
  - b. What do you see from this story as potential barriers to loving one another?
2. Verse 13 reminds us that we shouldn't be surprised if the world hates us.
  - a. Why should we not be surprised?
  - b. What motivates this hate?
  - c. Are you experiencing this "hate" or pushback in your life? What does it look like? How have you been responding?
3. Verse 16 says "we know what real love is because Jesus gave up His life for us". Examining Christ's example... what then is real love?
  - a. What are the qualities?
  - b. What is the expression and action?
  - c. As you consider Jesus' love, where do you see necessary change in your own life?
4. Verse 17 talks about love in action, and its relation to generosity with material wealth and financial wealth.
  - a. Read Acts 2:42-47 – the Spirit led early church. Discuss, dream and pray about how your small group can reach out in compassion that actually addresses and helps the practical needs of others. How can you as a small group show love in this way?
5. Verses 19-20 talks about the evidence of our faith (love) and the confidence we should have being rooted in God, not in our feelings.
  - a. Why does John differentiate between finding our confidence in God and finding our confidence in our feelings? What is he trying to say?
  - b. How does this affect your view of your own confidence?
  - c. What can make you feel guilty or insecure in your faith?



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### Prayer

Verse 22 talks about the result of having our confidence in what God has declared us to be, not in our own ever-changing feelings. We can come to God, confidently, and ask Him for anything. Take some time to practice "listening prayer".

Someone lead the group into prayer, ask the Holy Spirit to speak, and ask Him the following questions... then take 1-2 minutes of silent listening. See what the Spirit desires to say to each of you.

#### **Remember, God speaks to us through a word, picture, thought or scripture**

- Holy Spirit, what stands in the way of me loving others?
- Holy Spirit, how can I show love to someone this week?

Talk about what God said to you. What barriers to loving others did God show you in your life? What did He show you about loving others this week?

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