PRAYER

- Thank God for sending Jesus to die on the cross in our place as the greatest demonstration of His love. Thank Him that we can love because He first loved us.
- Ask God to keep you grounded in His love every day. Pray that God would help you remain in His love, not in the way the world defines it.
- Pray that God would help you have a heart for others. Ask God to show you how you can demonstrate His love in your places of influence this week.

NOTES



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A Love Like His_____

WEEK 1

WARM-UP

- Think of a film or TV series about love that you have watched. Share some scenes that were memorable to you.
- What is one of the most loving acts someone has done for you, and what impact did it have on you?
- Why is love important?
- WORD ⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. **1 JOHN 4:7-10**

(Read also 1 JOHN 4.)

When we hear songs, read stories, or watch videos about love, we often describe it based on feelings or emotions. Some people view love in terms of transactional relationships, which can lead to self-service or expecting something in return. Love can easily be misunderstood because the world offers an incomplete meaning of it. But God's love is perfect, unconditional, and transformative. This is why the apostle John, in one of his letters, encouraged his audience to love the way God does. Today, let's explore how God demonstrated His love and why we can truly love others.

God's nature is love.

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In the passage above, John writes that God is the ultimate source and definition of true love. In fact, God's love is not just an attribute—it is His very essence. Everything God does is out of love. Anything done apart from His love does not reflect who He is. When we walk in a relationship with God, we learn to follow His ways and love others the way He does. How has God shown you His love? In what ways has God shown His love for others through you?

2 God's love is demonstrated through Jesus.

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Sin marred and corrupted our understanding of love. Humanity became incapable of reflecting true love, falling short on multiple occasions. But because of His great love, God chose to send His Son, Jesus, to show us what love looks like. Jesus' death on the cross is the ultimate demonstration of God's perfect love—sacrificial, self-giving, and unconditional. We can understand what true love is like as we know and experience God's love. How has Jesus' finished work on the cross changed your understanding of love?

God's love transforms us from the inside out and restores our identity in Him. John calls his readers as *beloved* and those who genuinely love others as those *born of God*. As we continue to grasp His love, may we go deeper in our relationship with Him and extend His love to the people around us.

APPLICATION

- How has this discussion changed or challenged your perspective of love?
- Are there challenges or roadblocks that hinder you from receiving God's love? Ask God to help you overcome those and walk freely in His love for you.
- Think of people close to you who need to receive God's love this week. How may you demonstrate His love for them through your words and actions?