

# THE LOVE OF GOD

THE BOOK OF 1 JOHN

## THE POWER OF THE LOVE OF GOD

1 JOHN 2:1-11

### GETTING STARTED

- God's love isn't just an idea. It's a reality that powers and sustains our lives. How have you experienced God's love recently in ways that bring you life?

### SCRIPTURE STUDY

**Before you begin:** *Open with prayer and spend a minute or two in silence before God. Have multiple people ask the Holy Spirit to enter your time together and illuminate your hearts and minds to scripture.*

- Have someone read the passages in their entirety aloud. As a group, summarize the passage, and as you do so, note any observations, questions, and exciting insights you found while reading through the text. What jumped out at you? What was something you noticed now that you didn't see before?
- What does it mean when it says Jesus is our advocate? Why does John refer to Jesus in this way?
- How do we keep the commands of Jesus? Describe how that means we know and love him.
- Talk about verse 7, what is the old commandment John is referring to? what is the new commandment in verse 8?

### WRAPPING UP

- How have you failed to show God's love to others? Where is God calling you to lean into where it is the hardest.