

THE LOVE OF GOD

THE BOOK OF 1 JOHN

CONFIDENCE: BECAUSE OF CHRIST AND INSPIRED BY CHRIST

1 JOHN 4:17-5:3

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?
- John describes the love that comes from God as something that is perfected with us. What does love perfected mean? How does this give us confidence?
- Verse 19 says that we love because God first loved us. How come it's so hard to love others? What prevents us from displaying God's love freely?
- Do God's commandments often seem burdensome? How might we have a paradigm shift to make God's commandments seem joyful? How might people see God's commands as something to follow joyfully?