

THE LOVE OF GOD

THE BOOK OF 1 JOHN

GOD'S WORD TO GENERATIONS

1 JOHN 2:12-17

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?
- Notice how the text breaks at verses 12-14 to signal a poetic portion of the text. Notice the poem's flow—the repetition of children, fathers, and young men. The shift from "I am writing" to "I write" As you look at these verses, what is significant about this poem? Does John forget the women?
- What does a love of the world look like? How do we, as followers of Jesus, love the world more than God?
 - What is the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the boastful pride of life?
- Explain verse 17. How does one do the will of God? How do we know what his will is?