

THE LOVE OF GOD

THE BOOK OF 1 JOHN

THIS IS HOW WE KNOW

1 JOHN 1:1-4

GETTING STARTED

- Take some time as a group to reflect on the story in Genesis 1-2 as God makes the heavens and the earth. What are things that stand out to you about how God makes the world?

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?
- How come John opens with the phrase "from the beginning?"
- How come John uses descriptors from the senses, what we hear, see, and touch, to describe the "word of life?"
- What is the difference between happiness and joy? How is a joy made complete? What does John mean by this?

WRAPPING UP

- John talks about the word "fellowship" in verse 3. What does this word mean? How do we experience this deep fellowship at church?