

# THE LOVE OF GOD

THE BOOK OF 1 JOHN

## LOVE ONE ANOTHER

1 JOHN 3:10-18

### 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?
- Where might you think we fall short of loving one another at church or our greater community? How come a community formed and based on love often struggles with loving one another?
- When John uses the phrase "from the beginning," what does that mean?
- Visit the story of Cain and Abel in Genesis 4. Give it a read-through, and then revisit the passage in 1 John. Make some observations about how John uses these characters in the context of loving one another.
  - What motivated Cain to kill Abel?
  - How does John map the story of Cain and Abel on the life of believers?
- What areas are you challenged to love by deed instead of with just word and tongue? Why does John encourage his congregation to do this?