

# THE LOVE OF GOD

THE BOOK OF 1 JOHN

## LOVE MADE VISIBLE

1 JOHN 4:7-16

### 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 John says, "born of God." Could you unpack that phrase together?
- As you hear the phrase "God is love," what does that mean? How would you explain it to someone who thinks that God is just the feeling of love or perhaps just the action of it?
- John uses the word "abide" or "remain" in verses 16-17. Where do you see this paralleled in his Gospel?
- How exactly does perfect love that comes from God cast out fear?