Advent – Love

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Remember: you do not have to do the entire study (you may not have time) – you can choose what questions you want to discuss.

Read John 1:1-18

- 1. What does it mean that God became 'flesh'? What does flesh mean here? What other connotations does it have?
- 2. Why has John begun his gospel this way? How does it fit with the other gospel accounts?

Read 1 John 4:7-16

- 3. God is love. What does this mean? How does who God is relate to what he does?
- 4. Why does John say we should love each other?
- 5. 'Love is a verb." How is this so?
- 6. What does verse 12 mean for how we live?
- 7. What does love look like for you from others?
- 8. What does love look like in you for others?
- 9. What does loving like Jesus require from us? What is needed in order for us love effectively the way he did?
- 10. Read verse 18. What makes us fear? How do we overcome these fears?
- 11. "Jesus showed he loved us by becoming present in our world." Who can you become present to this Advent to show God's love?

Prayer points:

- Continue to pray for the people of Afghanistan.
- Pray for the people of Iran and pray for the nation of Papua New Guinea.
- Pray for the ill and vulnerable in our communities.
- Pray for those affected by violence and conflict around the globe.