

# TALK IT OVER

## That Love Love that Bears Witness 1 John 1:1-4

### Study Description

Many people like the idea of love, but the word can mean many things to many people. True love is more than a sentimental feeling. It's a love that discerns, it's a love that does not practice sin, and it's a love that will be rejected by the world but will overcome the world. Ultimately, it flows from "That Love" that comes to us from Jesus (1 John 4:10) and hopefully leads us to say, "I want to embody 'that love.'" We will be looking at John's letters to see what true love looks like and how we can show the world that love.

### Passages

*"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete." – 1 John 1:1-4 (ESV)*

### Start Talking: Process this last week as a group. (15 Min)

- As you reflect on last weekend's sermon, what one principle or insight stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful, or difficult to grasp?

### Head: Start Thinking about the Text. Ask a question to get your group thinking. (10 Min)

- Who is John talking about here? How does John describe this person?
- After reading 1 John 1:1-4, have someone read John 1:1-14. How do these two verses compare?
- John says that our fellowship is with both the Father and the Son. What does it mean to have fellowship with one another according to this text?

### Heart: Start Sharing how the Text is shaping our beliefs. Choose a question to create openness. (10 Min)

- How have you been blessed with fellowship recently?
- How have you witnessed the love of God in your life?
- How does having fellowship with God make our joy complete?

### Hands: Start living the text. Commit to believing or obeying the text this week. (10 Min)

- How can you practice witnessing to others about God's love this week?
- John desires for believers to have joy in Christ. Who needs joy in your life? How can you share it? Commit to sharing that joy and processing the next time you meet.

### Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power. (15 Min)

- For suggestions on structuring prayer time, see the *Group Prayer Ideas* page in this packet.

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**Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three. Pick a question. (15 Min)**

1. Who is one non-believer or someone without a church home that you need to reach out to this week?
2. What kind of conversations are you having with people you are reaching out to?
3. Is there anything God is leading you to repent of?
4. What's a passage of scripture that has impacted you this week? Read it to the group and explain why.
5. What's something you'd like someone else to check in with you about this week?
6. Pray for one another.