

## That Love Love that will be Rejected 1 John 2:28-3:3

# TALK IT OVER

### 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'll be looking at John's letters to see what true love looks like and how we can show the world that love.

### Passages

*"And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming. If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him. See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure." – 1 John 2:28-3:3(ESV)*

### Process this week as a group. (15 Min)

- What are some highs and lows for the week
- What's one thing from last weekend's sermon that you hope we talk about as a group?

### Head: Think about the text and discuss. (10 Min)

- Read 1 John 2:28-3:3. Why does the world reject us?
- Why does the world not understand Christians and the message of the Gospel?
- What does John mean when he says, "when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is"?

### Heart: Share how the text is shaping your beliefs. (10 Min)

- When have you experienced rejection before?
- When have you felt shame around being a Christian or the Gospel?
- How does it feel to know that you are a child of God? What was it like for you as a child of a parent growing up? How is it similar and different to being a child of God?

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

- How can you accept rejection but not let it stop you from sharing God's love?
- Many Christians do not share the gospel or invite others to church because of fear of rejection. Who can you share the gospel with this week? Who can you invite to church with you this week? What does it look like to overcome rejection and be filled with holy boldness?

### 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.