

**Reflecting on 1 Peter 1:22-25**  
**“A Roadmap to Christian Love”**  
**October 17, 2021**

**Introduction:** In today’s passage, Peter provides believers with a roadmap to Christian love. He lays out all the specifics including who, how, and why to love. In addition, he presents two ideas about how this love should function in the first century (and today:

- Love like this is countercultural.
- Love like this binds the body of Christ together to face persecution.

All of this reinforces the Big Idea of the text that *God saved us so that we would show love to other believers.*

### **Discussion Starters**

1. Take a moment to summarize today’s message in a few sentences. Then share your summary with your group.

2. This text focuses on the love we are to have for fellow-believers, especially those within our local faith community. What obstacles exist that might keep this kind of love from flourishing in the body of Christ?
  
3. How should we balance our responsibility to show love to other Christians with our responsibility to show love to everyone? (See Gal. 6:10)
  
4. This text challenges us to love other believers “constantly” (“earnestly” in the ESV) and “sincerely” (“from a pure heart” in the ESV). Which one of these seems harder to you? Why?

5. How does our belief in the gospel prepare us to love others truly? To ask the same question a different way, why are Christians uniquely positioned to love others?

6. What would look differently in your life if you pursued this kind of love for the believers within this local body this week?

7. Take a moment to share a few prayer requests and close in prayer. Use this time to determine who in your group needs you to demonstrate Christ's love to them in a tangible this week.