

GROUP STUDY GUIDE WEEK OF JUNE 25, 2023 | LOVE AND WAR

WARM-UP QUESTION

Warm up question: What was your favorite subject in school and why?

DISCUSS

• Start your discussion by sharing what stood out to you from Sunday's message. Were there any new insights or key takeaways for you?

Read <u>1 John 4:1-6</u>

- Discipleship is whatever you are being formed into the image of. What content and messaging are you being discipled by on a daily basis?
- In our current culture, what are examples of false prophets and what false messages are they promoting?
- How might be God calling you to greater discernment of what is from Him in your life?
- What fruit might be evident in a spirit that is from God? How would this contrast with the spirit that is not from God?
- How does verse 4 provide comfort in facing the challenges of living in this broken world?

Read <u>1 John 4:7-21</u>

- Since love is demonstrated by action, how does God's example of showing us His love encourage you in how you can show love to others?
- In your own life, what are practical ways you can love as evidence of your relationship with God?
- Share about a time you have seen God shine through someone- whether a stranger or someone you know.
- According to verse 15, how do you know the Spirit is in you?
- How does fear keep you from receiving and reflecting God's love?

RESPOND

- Based on what you just discussed, what do you think God is prompting you to do in response? When will you do it?
- Pray together as a group for the specific goals or areas of struggle that came up in your discussion. Thank God for revealing more of who He is, and ask Him to help you apply what He's prompting you to do this week.