

## **Title: “Embracing God’s Love”**

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[God] “who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began.” 2 Timothy 1:9

- 1 Our deepest Motivation. John 13:1-9
2. Our honest Situation. John 13:37-38
3. His love-full Invitation. John 21:15-19

### **Group/Family/Personal Study Questions**

“We love because He first loved us. <sup>20</sup> If anyone says, ‘I love God,’ and hates their brother (or sister), they are a liar; for whoever does not love their brother (or sister) whom they have seen cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup> And this commandment we have from Him: whoever loves God must also love their brother (and sister).” 1 John 4:19-21

1. What are some ways people in our society try to satisfy their longing to be loved?
2. Where did our need to be loved come from? What is the positive side to having this need? What is the negative side to our need to be loved?
3. Describe a time when you felt loved. How did that affect you?
4. What motivates you to help others in your community / church?
5. How would our world change if we knew absolutely everything about each other?
6. How does a person’s motivation change once they honestly understand the irrevocable overflowing full love of God?
7. Do you believe that God absolutely loves you? Explain your answer
8. Do you agree that every Christian has a God-given mission in the world and a ministry in the church? Do you know your ministry and your mission?

### ***Reflection/Action:***

Read about Peter in John 13:1-9, John 13:37-38, and John 21:15-19. Take a few minutes in silence. Imagine you were Peter, how would you have responded to your very public failure? How would your life change after your encounter with Jesus in John 21?