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Group Questions

- 1. How would you explain the meaning of "love" to a child in a way that child could understand?
 - a. How is the supernatural love of God different from the superficial idea of love that we so often hold?
- 2. Why does love have its origin in God? Can unregenerate people truly love? How is the love shown by those born of God different?
- 3. What is the difference between knowing about God and knowing God personally as Father? Why is love a good test for whether someone knows God?
- 4. How would you define the word propitiation to a group of your peers? What does it tell us about God? About man? Where do we see these themes throughout the rest of Scripture?
- 5. How can Christians perfect the love of God? Does that mean there is something lacking in Christ's work?
 - a. What would Christian love look like if Christ's example was truly followed? How can you follow the example of love He displayed on the Cross?
 - b. Explain the connection between identity and action when it comes to love. Why must identity come first?
- 6. How does abiding in the love of God give us confidence when we face judgment? How does it reassure us for the future?
 - a. Why does love cast out fear? What does fear reveal about our relationship to God?
- 7. Why does John combine loving God with loving your neighbor? Which is more important?
 - a. Why is it impossible to love an invisible God if you do not love your brother?
 - b. How is the command to love God and neighbor seen throughout the Scriptures?