

### **Look Back**

- What's one way you applied your learnings from last week's discussion of Romans to positively impact your "ONE"?

### **Connect:**

- What "hot topic" makes it the most challenging for you to engage in the discussion in a loving way? Why is this? OR
- Do you tend to focus more on "truth" or "love"? Why do you think you do this?

### **Look Up:**

#### **Read : 1 John 4:7-12**

- Why does John in verse 7 state where love comes from? Why is this significant?
- How does "knowing" God impact the way we are called to love others? How has this played out in your life?
- According to verse 12, what happens when we love one another? How does this impact our ONE?
- What role does Jesus play in God's love?

#### **Read : 1 John 2:1-11**

- What do these verses add about what it means to "know" God? What do they add about our being made complete?
- How would you summarize verses 3-6? How accurately does this describe your journey as a Christian? What are some ways we can help one another live this out more consistently?
- What does John say about hating others in verses 9-11? Where do you see hate being used today? How would things be different if love were used instead?
- How might you apply these verses in your daily life?

### **Overall (Discovery Bible Study)**

- What do these scriptures say about God?
- What do they say about people?
- How will I apply this to my life?

### **Look Ahead:**

- If we're honest this is something we all wrestle with. What does it truly mean to manifest God's love in our lives each and every day. This week ask God where you need to apply this, where or who in your life do you need to show God's love?

### **Leader Notes**

It's easy to say we just love everyone..However everytime we turn around, it seems to get harder and harder with the level of brokenness all around us. In v12 John says No one has seen God... However, it's by our love, that people get a glimpse. We are called to be different, we aren't supposed to look like everyone else in how we act or respond. I heard a quote one day that is pretty convicting and in line with all this “ Did anyone confuse me with Jesus today?” Meaning our lives should look like His, in how we respond and how we love.

### **Leadership tip**

Summertime is upon us. Due to travel and other circumstances, group life in the summer generally looks a bit different. Discuss as a group what your plans are this summer and adjust your meeting schedule accordingly. And LEADERS take a break!!! Allow someone else the chance to lead this summer while you reset and refill.