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LOVE GOD GREATLY

KNOW LOVE



KNOW LOVE: A STUDY OF 1, 2, 3 JOHN

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At *Love God Greatly*, you'll find real, authentic women. You'll find women who are imperfect, yet forgiven. You'll find women who desire less of each other, and a whole lot more of Jesus. Women who long to know God through His Word because we believe that truth transforms and sets us free. Women who are better together, saturated in God's Word and in community with one another.

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WELCOME

We are glad you have decided to join us in this Bible study! You have been prayed for; it is not a coincidence you are participating in this study.

Our prayer for you is simple: that you will grow closer to our Lord as you dig into His Word each and every day. As you develop the discipline of being in God's Word on a daily basis, our prayer is that you will fall more in love with Him as you spend time reading the Bible.

As you go through this study, join us in the following resources below:

- Weekly Blog Posts
- Weekly Memory Verses
- Weekly Challenges
- Facebook, Twitter, Instagram
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Each day before you read the assigned passage, pray and ask God to help you understand it. Invite Him to speak to you through His Word. Then listen. Believe that He will be faithful to speak to you, and be faithful to listen and obey.

Take time to read the verses over and over again. The Bible tells us that if we seek for wisdom like silver, and search for it like hidden treasure, then we will understand how to fear the Lord, and we will discover knowledge about God (Prov 2:4-5).

All of us here at *Love God Greatly* can't wait for you to get started, and we hope to see you at the finish line. Endure, persevere, press on; don't give up! Finish well what you are beginning today. We will be here every step of the way, cheering for you! We are in this together. Fight to rise early, to push back the stress of the day, to sit alone and spend time in God's Word. Be expectant that God has much in store for you in this study. Journey with us as we learn to love God greatly with our lives!

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LOVE GOD GREATLY

Love God Greatly is a community of women who use a variety of technology platforms to keep each other accountable to study God's Word. We start with a simple Bible reading plan, but it doesn't stop there.

Some women gather in homes and churches locally, while others connect online with women across the globe. Whatever the method, we lovingly lock arms and unite for this purpose: to love God greatly with our lives.

*Would you
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reaching out
and doing this
study with
someone?*

In today's fast-paced technology-driven world, it would be easy to study God's Word in an isolated environment that lacks encouragement or support. That isn't our heart or intention here at *Love God Greatly*. We believe God created us to live in community with Him and with those around us and we do our best to facilitate community in many different ways.

We need each other, and we live life better together. Would you consider reaching out and doing this study with someone?

Rest assured we'll be studying right alongside you. We're all learning together, cheering for one another, enjoying fellowship, and rejoicing as we watch God unite women together across the globe. Let's be intentional with one another as we connect our hearts and minds for His glory.

Here's our challenge: call your mom, your sister, your grandma, the girl across the street, or the college friend across the country. Gather a group of girls from your church or workplace, or meet in a coffee shop with close friends or new acquaintances.

Arm-in-arm and hand-in-hand, let's do this together.

SOAP BIBLE STUDY METHOD

HOW AND WHY

The most important ingredients in the SOAP Method are your interaction with God's Word and your application of it to your life.

At *Love God Greatly*, we believe that the Word of God is living and active. We believe the words of Scripture are powerful and effective and relevant for life in all times and all cultures. We also know that the Bible was written to specific audiences in specific cultures at specific times. We believe that in order to interpret the Bible correctly, we need an understanding of the context and culture of the original writings.

As we study the Bible, we use the SOAP Bible Study Method. The acronym stands for Scripture, Observation, Application, and Prayer. It's one thing simply to read Scripture. When you interact with it, intentionally slowing down to reflect, truths start jumping off the page. The SOAP Method allows us to dig deeper into Scripture and see more than we would if we simply read the verses. It allows us not only to be hearers of the Word, but doers as well (Jas 1:22).

In this journal, you'll find daily reading and a few SOAP verses. We read a passage of Scripture and then apply the SOAP Method to a few verses. We believe that using this method allows us to glean a greater understanding of Scripture, which allows us to apply it effectively to our lives.

The most important ingredients in the SOAP Method are your interaction with God's Word and your application of it to your life. You will never waste time in God's Word. It is powerful and effective. Take time to study it carefully, discovering the truth of God's character and heart for the world.

We encourage you to apply the SOAP Method to these passages as you go through the daily readings.

SOAP STUDY (CONTINUED)

MONDAY

READ
Colossians 1:5-8

SOAP
Colossians 1:5-8

Scripture

WRITE OUT THE SCRIPTURE PASSAGE FOR THE DAY.

The faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

Observations

WRITE DOWN 1 OR 2 OBSERVATIONS FROM THE PASSAGE.

When you combine faith and love, you get hope. We must remember that our hope is in heaven; it is yet to come. The gospel is the Word of truth. The gospel is continually bearing fruit and growing from the first day to the last. It just takes one person to change a whole community Epaphras.

S STANDS FOR SCRIPTURE.

Write out the verses at least one time.

Slow down and copy the passage from the text, focusing on what you are writing.

Writing it more than one time is always helpful.

O STANDS FOR OBSERVATION.

Take time to carefully observe the passage.

What do you see in the verses you're reading? Who is the intended audience? To whom is the writer speaking? What cultural factors are at play? Are any words or themes repeated? What literary devices are being used?

A STANDS FOR APPLICATION.

After carefully observing what is happening in the passage, determine the main message or truth of the passage.

How can you apply this truth to your life?

What action do you need to take today in light of this truth?

Applications

WRITE
DOWN 1 OR 2
APPLICATIONS
FROM THE
PASSAGE.

God used one man, Epaphras, to change a whole town. I was reminded that we are simply called to tell others about Christ; it's God's job to spread the gospel, to grow it, and have it bear fruit. I felt today's verses were almost directly spoken to Love God Greatly women: The gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace.

Pray

WRITE OUT
A PRAYER
OVER WHAT
YOU LEARNED
FROM TODAY'S
PASSAGE.

Dear Lord, please help me to be an Epaphras to tell others about You and then leave the results in Your loving hands. Please help me to understand and apply personally what I have read today to my life, thereby becoming more and more like You each and every day. Help me to live a life that bears the fruit of faith and love, anchoring my hope in heaven, not here on earth. Help me to remember that the best is yet to come!

P STANDS FOR PRAYER.

Pray God's Word back to Him.

If He has revealed something to you during this time, pray about it.

Confess any sin God has revealed.

Pray through the truth of the passage.



LGG FRENCH TESTIMONY

ANITA, SWITZERLAND

Walking in God's love is a truth that has been so powerfully displayed in my life. In my career at the United Nations, I changed jobs often. Each time, I had to readjust to a new team and each time it was challenging.

When I joined the Human Resources team, I had to ask for help often, as I did not have a lot of experience in that field. One time I sought advice from a senior colleague. She lost her temper with me, and I was shocked at her immediate reaction. I was afraid to approach her again and didn't know how to respond. Instead of acting harshly to her, I started to pray for her, asking God to bless her.

On my last day of work, I went to a shop to buy flowers for my supervisor. I felt prompted by the Holy Spirit to buy another bouquet for the colleague who refused to help me.

I decided to intentionally treat her with God's love, despite her behavior. To my surprise, she felt so touched by my kindness that her attitude changed completely. When I told her I had to resign, she accompanied me to speak to my supervisor to offer moral support and comfort. She showed me so much care in that small action. I will always remember the impact of a small act of love.

To walk in love is a choice we all must make, regardless of our circumstances. This truth has changed my life because I learned that it bears much fruit. We must choose to think, speak, and act with the compassion, kindness, and the grace of Christ. This has given me a sense of freedom, as we do not need to be victims of people's reactions. Instead, we can continue to extend love to others, to bless them, and trust God. May we all, as believers and followers of Christ, walk in love and unity with one another.

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A Study of 1, 2, 3 John

Let's Begin

INTRODUCTION

KNOW LOVE

“Love one another.”

Thirteen times in his letters, the apostle John instructed his readers to love one another. John explained why loving others is so important: it communicates our faith in Jesus to the world, it is an act of obedience to God, and it brings joy to ourselves and others. As we love others we grow in our understanding of God’s love for us and for the world.

These three letters were written almost two-thousand years ago by a man who walked, talked, laughed, and cried with Jesus. John’s message is relevant to us today because it teaches us how to live like Jesus lived, how to love like Jesus loved, and how our joy will be made complete in Him.

The letters of 1, 2, and 3 John are widely accepted as written by John the beloved apostle, who also wrote the gospel of John and the book of Revelation. After Paul and Peter were martyred, around AD 67, John moved to Ephesus where he wrote these letters. Many scholars date John’s Gospel and his three letters to sometime after the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70 and before John’s exile on the island of Patmos in AD 95.

While they were written with different intentions and to different audiences, each of John’s short letters communicate a consistent theme: love. First John explores the full deity and full humanity of Jesus Christ and the unity believers can enjoy when they share the love of Christ. Second John offers encouragement to be faithful to the truth of who Christ is and what He has done for us. Third John reminds us to keep Christ at the center of our hearts, minds, and missions.

In these three letters, we find encouragement to follow God’s commandments and remain in Him. John explored the deep connection between obedience and love by showing how our love for God is nothing without His love for us. We love because He loved us first (1 John 4:19). As we seek to love God greatly with our lives, let’s study John’s words that give us instruction and encouragement to do just that.

READING PLAN

WEEK 1

Monday

Read: 1 John 1:1–4

SOAP: 1 John 1:4

Tuesday

Read: 1 John 1:5–2:2

SOAP: 1 John 1:9

Wednesday

Read: 1 John 2:3–11

SOAP: 1 John 2:3–6

Thursday

Read: 1 John 2:12–17

SOAP: 1 John 2:15–16

Friday

Read: 1 John 2:18–27

SOAP: 1 John 2:25

WEEK 2

Monday

Read: 1 John 2:28–3:10

SOAP: 1 John 2:28–29

Tuesday

Read: 1 John 3:11–17

SOAP: 1 John 3:16–17

Wednesday

Read: 1 John 3:18–24

SOAP: 1 John 3:19–20

Thursday

Read: 1 John 4:1–6

SOAP: 1 John 4:4–5

Friday

Read: 1 John 4:7–11

SOAP: 1 John 4:10

WEEK 3

Monday

Read: 1 John 4:12–19

SOAP: 1 John 4:16

Tuesday

Read: 1 John 4:20–5:4

SOAP: 1 John 5:3

Wednesday

Read: 1 John 5:5–12

SOAP: 1 John 5:11–12

Thursday

Read: 1 John 5:13–21

SOAP: 1 John 5:14–15

Friday

Read: 2 John 1–4

SOAP: 2 John 4

WEEK 4

Monday

Read: 2 John 5–8

SOAP: 2 John 6

Tuesday

Read: 2 John 9–13

SOAP: 2 John 12

Wednesday

Read: 3 John 1–4

SOAP: 3 John 4

Thursday

Read: 3 John 5–8

SOAP: 3 John 8

Friday

Read: 3 John 9–15

SOAP: 3 John 11

YOUR GOALS

We believe it's important to write out goals for this study.

Take some time now and write three goals you would like to focus on as you begin to rise each day and dig into God's Word. Make sure and refer back to these goals throughout the next weeks to help you stay focused. You can do it!

1.

2.

3.

Signature:

Date:

WEEK 1

*But whoever obeys his word,
truly in this person the love of
God has been perfected. By this
we know that we are in him.*

1 JOHN 2:5

PRAYER

WRITE DOWN YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS
AND PRAISES FOR EACH DAY.

Prayer focus for this week:

Spend time praying for your family members.

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

CHALLENGE

This week, practice confessing your sin as soon as it happens. Ask God to reveal your sin to you and be faithful to confess it to Him and to others right away. Take note of how this affects your attitude and actions around sin, and also your understanding and belief in God's grace.

MONDAY

Scripture for Week 1

1 John 1:1-4

1 This is what we proclaim to you: what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and our hands have touched (concerning the word of life— 2 and the life was revealed, and we have seen and testify and announce to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us). 3 What we have seen and heard we announce to you too, so that you may have fellowship with us (and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ). 4 Thus we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

MONDAY

READ:

1 John 1:1-4

SOAP:

1 John 1:4

Scripture

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Observations

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Applications

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TUESDAY

Scripture for Week 1

1 John 1:5–2:2

5 Now this is the gospel message we have heard from him and announce to you: God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all. 6 If we say we have fellowship with him and yet keep on walking in the darkness, we are lying and not practicing the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say we do not bear the guilt of sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 But if we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous, forgiving us our sins and cleansing us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar and his word is not in us.

1 (My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin.) But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous One, 2 and he himself is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for our sins but also for the whole world.

TUESDAY

READ:

1 John 1:5-2:2

SOAP:

1 John 1:9

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Scripture for Week 1

1 John 2:3–11

3 Now by this we know that we have come to know God: if we keep his commandments. 4 The one who says “I have come to know God” and yet does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in such a person. 5 But whoever obeys his word, truly in this person the love of God has been perfected. By this we know that we are in him. 6 The one who says he resides in God ought himself to walk just as Jesus walked.

7 Dear friends, I am not writing a new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you have already heard. 8 On the other hand, I am writing a new commandment to you which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. 9 The one who says he is in the light but still hates his fellow Christian is still in the darkness. 10 The one who loves his fellow Christian resides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. 11 But the one who hates his fellow Christian is in the darkness, walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

WEDNESDAY

READ:

1 John 2:3-11

SOAP:

1 John 2:3-6

Scripture

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THURSDAY

Scripture for Week 1

1 John 2:12–17

12 I am writing to you, little children, that your sins have been forgiven because of his name. 13 I am writing to you, fathers, that you have known him who has been from the beginning. I am writing to you, young people, that you have conquered the evil one. 14 I have written to you, children, that you have known the Father. I have written to you, fathers, that you have known him who has been from the beginning. I have written to you, young people, that you are strong, and the word of God resides in you, and you have conquered the evil one.

15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him, 16 because all that is in the world (the desire of the flesh and the desire of the eyes and the arrogance produced by material possessions) is not from the Father, but is from the world. 17 And the world is passing away with all its desires, but the person who does the will of God remains forever.

THURSDAY

READ:
1 John 2:12-17

SOAP:
1 John 2:15-16

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FRIDAY

Scripture for Week 1

1 John 2:18–27

18 Children, it is the last hour, and just as you heard that the antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have appeared. We know from this that it is the last hour. 19 They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us, because if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us. But they went out from us to demonstrate that all of them do not belong to us.

20 Nevertheless you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know. 21 I have not written to you that you do not know the truth, but that you do know it, and that no lie is of the truth. 22 Who is the liar but the person who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This one is the antichrist: the person who denies the Father and the Son. 23 Everyone who denies the Son does not have the Father either. The person who confesses the Son has the Father also.

24 As for you, what you have heard from the beginning must remain in you. If what you heard from the beginning remains in you, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father. 25 Now this is the promise that he himself made to us: eternal life. 26 These things I have written to you about those who are trying to deceive you.

27 Now as for you, the anointing that you received from him resides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things, it is true and is not a lie. Just as it has taught you, you reside in him.

FRIDAY

READ:
1 John 2:18-27

SOAP:
1 John 2:25

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean to walk in the light? What does it mean to walk in darkness?
2. Why is it important for us to walk in the light as followers of Jesus?
3. Why is confessing sin important? What does confessing our sin do in our hearts and in our lives?
4. Why is it significant for us that we now have Jesus as our advocate when we sin? How does belief in Jesus change our relationship with God?
5. Why does John warn against loving the world? How can you guard yourself against loving the world?

NOTES

NOTES

WEEK 2

In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

1 JOHN 4:10

PRAYER

WRITE DOWN YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS
AND PRAISES FOR EACH DAY.

Prayer focus for this week:

Spend time praying for your country.

MONDAY

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CHALLENGE

Take extra time this week to observe and interpret 1 John 3:19-20. How does our conscience condemn us? What does Romans 8:1-4 say about this? How do these truths affect what you believe about grace?

MONDAY

Scripture for Week 2

1 John 2:28–3:10

28 And now, little children, remain in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink away from him in shame when he comes back.

29 If you know that he is righteous, you also know that everyone who practices righteousness has been fathered by him.

1 (See what sort of love the Father has given to us: that we should be called God's children—and indeed we are! For this reason the world does not know us: because it did not know him. 2 Dear friends, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that whenever it is revealed we will be like him, because we will see him just as he is. 3 And everyone who has this hope focused on him purifies himself, just as Jesus is pure).

4 Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; indeed, sin is lawlessness. 5 And you know that Jesus was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. 6 Everyone who resides in him does not sin; everyone who sins has neither seen him nor known him. 7 Little children, let no one deceive you: The one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as Jesus is righteous. 8 The one who practices sin is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was revealed: to destroy the works of the devil. 9 Everyone who has been fathered by God does not practice sin, because God's seed resides in him, and thus he is not able to sin, because he has been fathered by God. 10 By this the children of God and the children of the devil are revealed: Everyone who does not practice righteousness—the one who does not love his fellow Christian—is not of God.

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1 John 2:28-3:10

SOAP:

1 John 2:28-29

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Scripture for Week 2

1 John 3:11–17

11 For this is the gospel message that you have heard from the beginning: that we should love one another, 12 not like Cain who was of the evil one and brutally murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his deeds were evil, but his brother's were righteous.

13 Therefore do not be surprised, brothers and sisters, if the world hates you. 14 We know that we have crossed over from death to life because we love our fellow Christians. The one who does not love remains in death. 15 Everyone who hates his fellow Christian is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him. 16 We have come to know love by this: that Jesus laid down his life for us; thus we ought to lay down our lives for our fellow Christians. 17 But whoever has the world's possessions and sees his fellow Christian in need and shuts off his compassion against him, how can the love of God reside in such a person?

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1 John 3:11-17

SOAP:
1 John 3:16-17

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Scripture for Week 2

1 John 3:18–24

18 Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue but in deed and truth. 19 And by this we will know that we are of the truth and will convince our conscience in his presence, 20 that if our conscience condemns us, that God is greater than our conscience and knows all things. 21 Dear friends, if our conscience does not condemn us, we have confidence in the presence of God, 22 and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do the things that are pleasing to him. 23 Now this is his commandment: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he gave us the commandment. 24 And the person who keeps his commandments resides in God, and God in him. Now by this we know that God resides in us: by the Spirit he has given us.

WEDNESDAY

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1 John 3:18-24

SOAP:

1 John 3:19-20

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THURSDAY

Scripture for Week 2

1 John 4:1-6

1 Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to determine if they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses Jesus as the Christ who has come in the flesh is from God, 3 but every spirit that refuses to confess Jesus, that spirit is not from God, and this is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming, and now is already in the world.

4 You are from God, little children, and have conquered them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. 5 They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world's perspective and the world listens to them. 6 We are from God; the person who knows God listens to us, but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of deceit.

THURSDAY

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1 John 4:1-6

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1 John 4:4-5

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Scripture for Week 2

1 John 4:7-11

7 Dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God, and everyone who loves has been fathered by God and knows God. 8 The person who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 By this the love of God is revealed in us: that God has sent his one and only Son into the world so that we may live through him. 10 In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

11 Dear friends, if God so loved us, then we also ought to love one another.

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1 John 4:7-11

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1 John 4:10

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean to “remain in Him”? What does this look like in your daily life?
2. Why is it important for us to be generous to other believers? How can you be generous with the resources God has given you to bless and care for others in the body of Christ?
3. How can you test the teachings of others to know whether or not they are from God? Why is this an important practice?
4. How did God display His love to us? How does He continue to display His love to us?
5. How are we agents of revealing God’s love to the world?

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WEEK 3

And we have come to know and to believe the love that God has in us. God is love, and the one who resides in love resides in God, and God resides in him.

1 JOHN 4:16

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Prayer focus for this week:
Spend time praying for your friends.

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CHALLENGE

This week think of someone in your life with whom you can share the testimony of Jesus (1 John 5:11-12). Who in your life needs to hear this truth? Ask God to give you a clear opportunity this week to share your faith with this person and ask Him for boldness to share when the time arises.

MONDAY

Scripture for Week 3

1 John 4:12–19

12 No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God resides in us, and his love is perfected in us. 13 By this we know that we reside in God and he in us: in that he has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world.

15 If anyone confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God resides in him and he in God. 16 And we have come to know and to believe the love that God has in us. God is love, and the one who resides in love resides in God, and God resides in him. 17 By this love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment, because just as Jesus is, so also are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears punishment has not been perfected in love. 19 We love because he loved us first.

MONDAY

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1 John 4:12-19

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1 John 4:16

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Scripture for Week 3

1 John 4:20–5:4

20 If anyone says “I love God” and yet hates his fellow Christian, he is a liar, because the one who does not love his fellow Christian whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. 21 And the commandment we have from him is this: that the one who loves God should love his fellow Christian too.

1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been fathered by God, and everyone who loves the father loves the child fathered by him. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God: whenever we love God and obey his commandments. 3 For this is the love of God: that we keep his commandments. And his commandments do not weigh us down, 4 because everyone who has been fathered by God conquers the world.

This is the conquering power that has conquered the world: our faith.

TUESDAY

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1 John 4:20-5:4

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1 John 5:3

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Scripture for Week 3

1 John 5:5–12

5 Now who is the person who has conquered the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? 6 Jesus Christ is the one who came by water and blood—not by the water only, but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. 7 For there are three that testify, 8 the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three are in agreement.

9 If we accept the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, because this is the testimony of God that he has testified concerning his Son. 10 (The one who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself; the one who does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has testified concerning his Son.) 11 And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 The one who has the Son has this eternal life; the one who does not have the Son of God does not have this eternal life.

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1 John 5:5-12

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1 John 5:11-12

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Scripture for Week 3

1 John 5:13–21

13 I have written these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

14 And this is the confidence that we have before him: that whenever we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. 15 And if we know that he hears us in regard to whatever we ask, then we know that we have the requests that we have asked from him. 16 If anyone sees his fellow Christian committing a sin not resulting in death, he should ask, and God will grant life to the person who commits a sin not resulting in death. There is a sin resulting in death. I do not say that he should ask about that. 17 All unrighteousness is sin, but there is sin not resulting in death.

18 We know that everyone fathered by God does not sin, but God protects the one he has fathered, and the evil one cannot touch him. 19 We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. 20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us insight to know him who is true, and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. This one is the true God and eternal life. 21 Little children, guard yourselves from idols.

THURSDAY

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1 John 5:13-21

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1 John 5:14-15

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Scripture for Week 3

2 John 1–4

1 From the elder, to an elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth (and not I alone, but also all those who know the truth), 2 because of the truth that resides in us and will be with us forever. 3 Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

4 I rejoiced greatly because I have found some of your children living according to the truth, just as the Father commanded us.

FRIDAY

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2 John 1-4

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2 John 4

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. How does perfect love drive out fear?
2. Why are obedience and love so closely related when it comes to walking with God?
3. How do we know if we are praying according to God's will? Does He hear us if we do not pray according to His will?
4. How does God want us to approach Him when we pray?
5. Does it bring God joy when we are walking in the truth and obeying His commands? How is this different than earning our salvation by works?

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WEEK 4

(Now this is love: that we walk according to his commandments.)

This is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning; thus you should walk in it.

2 JOHN 6

PRAYER

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Prayer focus for this week:
Spend time praying for your church.

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CHALLENGE

Who are some people in your life who demonstrate faithfulness? What types of things do they do for the church? What can you do to support them this week? Take action this week to support those in your life who are the hands and feet of Jesus and who demonstrate great faithfulness.

MONDAY

Scripture for Week 4

2 John 5–8

5 But now I ask you, lady (not as if I were writing a new commandment to you, but the one we have had from the beginning), that we love one another. 6 (Now this is love: that we walk according to his commandments.) This is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning; thus you should walk in it. 7 For many deceivers have gone out into the world, people who do not confess Jesus as Christ coming in the flesh. This person is the deceiver and the antichrist! 8 Watch out, so that you do not lose the things we have worked for, but receive a full reward.

MONDAY

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2 John 5-8

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2 John 6

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Scripture for Week 4

2 John 9–13

9 Everyone who goes on ahead and does not remain in the teaching of Christ does not have God. The one who remains in this teaching has both the Father and the Son. 10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house and do not give him any greeting, 11 because the person who gives him a greeting shares in his evil deeds.

12 Though I have many other things to write to you, I do not want to do so with paper and ink, but I hope to come visit you and speak face to face, so that our joy may be complete.

13 The children of your elect sister greet you.

TUESDAY

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2 John 9-13

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2 John 12

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WEDNESDAY

Scripture for Week 4

3 John 1-4

1 From the elder, to Gaius my dear brother, whom I love in truth. 2 Dear friend, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, just as it is well with your soul. 3 For I rejoiced greatly when the brothers came and testified to your truth, just as you are living according to the truth.

4 I have no greater joy than this: to hear that my children are living according to the truth.

WEDNESDAY

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3 John 1-4

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3 John 4

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THURSDAY

Scripture for Week 4

3 John 5–8

5 Dear friend, you demonstrate faithfulness by whatever you do for the brothers (even though they are strangers). 6 They have testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of God. 7 For they have gone forth on behalf of “The Name,” accepting nothing from the pagans. 8 Therefore we ought to support such people, so that we become coworkers in cooperation with the truth.

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3 John 5-8

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3 John 8

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Scripture for Week 4

3 John 9–15

9 I wrote something to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to be first among them, does not acknowledge us. 10 Therefore, if I come, I will call attention to the deeds he is doing—the bringing of unjustified charges against us with evil words! And not being content with that, he not only refuses to welcome the brothers himself, but hinders the people who want to do so and throws them out of the church! 11 Dear friend, do not imitate what is bad but what is good. The one who does good is of God; the one who does what is bad has not seen God.

12 Demetrius has been testified to by all, even by the truth itself. We also testify to him, and you know that our testimony is true.

13 I have many things to write to you, but I do not wish to write to you with pen and ink. 14 But I hope to see you right away, and we will speak face to face. 15 Peace be with you. The friends here greet you. Greet the friends there by name.

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3 John 9-15

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3 John 11

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. How does following God's commands display love?
2. How do we walk in love and also follow God's commands?
3. What does it mean to demonstrate faithfulness? How can you demonstrate faithfulness to others today?
4. How do we imitate what is good?
5. What can we do to ensure our lives are protected from evil influences so that we do only what is good?

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KNOW THESE TRUTHS

God loves you.

God's Word says, "For this is the way God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Our sin separates us from God.

We are all sinners by nature and by choice, and because of this we are separated from God, who is holy. God's Word says, "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom 3:23).

Jesus died so that you might have life.

The consequence of sin is death, but God's free gift of salvation is available to us. Jesus took the penalty for our sin when He died on the cross.

God's Word says, "For the payoff of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom 6:23); "But God demonstrates his own love for us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom 5:8).

Jesus lives!

Death could not hold Him, and three days after His body was placed in the tomb Jesus rose again, defeating sin and death forever. He lives today in heaven and is preparing a place in eternity for all who believe in Him.

Jesus says, "There are many dwelling places in my Father's house. Otherwise, I would have told you, because I am going away to make ready a place for you. And if I go and make ready a place for you, I will come again and take you to be with me, so that where I am you may be too" (John 14:2-3).

You can know that you are forgiven.

Accepting Jesus as your Savior is not about what you can do, but rather about having faith in what Jesus has already done. It takes recognizing that you are a sinner, believing that Jesus died for your sins, and asking for forgiveness by placing your full trust in Jesus' work on the cross on your behalf.

God's Word says, "if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and thus has righteousness and with the mouth one confesses and thus has salvation" (Rom 10:9-10).

Practically, what does that look like?

With a sincere heart, you can pray a simple prayer like this:

*God,
I know that I am a sinner.
I don't want to live another day without embracing the love and
forgiveness that You have for me.
I ask for Your forgiveness.
I believe that You died for my sins
and rose from the dead.
I surrender all that I am and ask You
to be Lord of my life.
Help me to turn from my sin and follow You.
Teach me what it means to walk in freedom as
I live under Your grace, and help me to grow
in Your ways as I seek to know You more.
Amen.*

If you just prayed this prayer (or something similar in your own words), would you email us at info@lovegodgreatly.com?

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