

## Message Based Discussion

1 John 2:28-3:3; 3:16-24; 4:7-12

What did you like about this passage?

What did you find hard to accept or understand?

What does this passage teach about people?

What does this passage teach us about God? What does it teach about Jesus?

What will you do now? Based on this passage, how will your life change?

How specifically are you going to live out today's lesson?

Who will you tell? With whom will you have a conversation about this passage?

### **The Call to Christian Discipleship**

Tucked into the message of love in 1 John is the long-lasting lesson for readers to receive the saving message of Christ's coming, and to rejoice in the commands of Christ's teaching. As Christians we must grow in faith, obedience, and love. How might that look in your life this week?

### **The Call to Missional Living**

John emphasizes the believers need to revel in the love of the Father as it continually translates into Christian love for one another and ministry to the world. How does God's love act as a catalyst for your ministry to the world?

### **Memorize: Verse of the month (Discipleship)**

“We will not hide them from their children,  
but tell to the coming generation  
the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might,  
and the wonders that he has done.”

—Psalm 78:4

## Why We Love

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Reading: Psalm 111

1. The purifying nature of God's love (2:28-3:3)

- The love of the Father

- The reason for rejection

- The promise of purification

## 2. The pleasing nature of God's love (3:16-24)

- The example of Christ's love

- Our call to action

- Keeping His commandment

## 3. The perfecting nature of God's love (4:7-12)

- Pay it forward

- The expectations of Christ's love

- Picture perfect love