

**DISCUSSION**

1. Who is the “one another” that we are to love?(v. 7) How can we love those who are different than us?
2. According to v. 7, what is the difference between being “born of God” and being one who “knows” God? (Hint: The first word is a completed action [born] while the second is a continuous action [knows])
3. Why is the warning in v. 8 so important to consider?
4. What does v. 10 tell us about God? Who loves first? What is the greatest evidence of that love?
5. Verse 11 has a conditional clause (since this, then that). What is the meaning of the conditional verse?
6. Why does John use the word “beloved”? (vv. 7, 11) How can that encourage us when we do not love perfectly?
7. God’s love is made complete (perfected) in us. How can we complete God’s love? (v. 12)

## **FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP**

1. Where does love come from?
2. What do we show people when we choose not to act loving toward them?
3. Why should we love others?
4. When we love others, what are some ways that they might see God through us?

## **NEXT STEPS**

- This passage starts with a command to love one another. When have you not done that? Do you need to confess that and mend relationships?
- Consider getting your Small Group together to demonstrate love to your community. Pray and think through ways that your serving can be accompanied with the truth of the gospel.