## 1. REVIEW THE SERMON

**Read 1 John 4:7-8 and John 13:35.** How is our willingness to love others directly connected to the truthfulness or validity of our faith?

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**Read 1 John 4:9-10.** What are the characteristics of God's love for us identified in this passage? How should God's love toward us propel us to love others?

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Look over the list of characteristics of God's love from verse 10. Which of these characteristics do you find most difficult to live out? Why?

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**Read 1 John 4:11-12.** What encouragement for loving others does this passage provide for loving others—especially those who might be difficult to love? What is the result of living this out?

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## 2. ASSESS YOUR HEART

How well do you love others? Do you find it easy or difficult to love others? What keeps you from loving others in the way God loves you?

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## 3. APPLY THE TRUTH

What are some ways you can grow in your willingness to love others this week?

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| | **The Power to Love One Another**<br>**1 John 4:7-12**<br><br>**"Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."**<br>**1 John 4:11.** |