

# SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

ADVENT: Love | 1 John 4:9-12

## WORSHIP

How can your discipleship group start with **worship** today?

## WALK

Spend time **understanding** and **applying** God's Word.

### 1. REVIEW + UNDERSTAND

Why do you think we are so inclined to become bored with the sublime? What does that say about our hearts?

Read 1 John 4:9-12. What do we learn about God's love from these verses? (*Put it in your own words. Don't just regurgitate the sermon - but use it to guide your thinking.*)

Knowledge about God's love is necessary, but experiencing it firsthand is quite another (like knowing the Grand Canyon exists vs. seeing it with your own eyes). Using these truths about God's love, how have you experienced it personally? (*Share a personal story or explanation.*)

1. The love of God dwells with us.
2. The love of God is initiative-taking.
3. The love of God is costly and free.
4. The love of God cannot be contained within us.

### 2. ASSESS + APPLY

Have you become bored with the sublime knowledge of God's love for you?

Is God's love for you enough - or do you need more?

What can you do THIS WEEK to allow the love of God to flow through you to others - to be who you are in Christ (up close, taking initiative, and meeting the needs of others)?

## PRAYERS & APPLICATIONS

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## 5 DAY READING PLAN

Each day answer the questions: What does it **say**? What does it **mean**? How should I **respond**?

### DAY 1

1 John 4:9-12

### DAY 2

Luke 19:1-6

### DAY 3

Eph. 3:17-19

### DAY 4

1 John 3:16

### DAY 5

Eph. 5:1-2

## WORK

How should this message affect how you **serve one another**?

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## WITNESS

How should this message affect how you **share the Gospel**?

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