

GOD IS.

A SERIES ON THE CHARACTER OF GOD

Ice Breaker: Who in this world loves you the most or who do you love the most in this world?

Read: 1 John 4: 7-12; Romans 8:35-39, 1 John 3:1-3, 3:16-18, 4:19-21, John 3:16-17, Psalm 136

Discussion Questions:

- Big Question: What Kind of Love Comes From God?
 - Describe God's love in your own words.
 - How is God's love different from what the world calls love?
 - What is Agape' Love (Romans 8:35-39)?
 - What is Agape'o Love (1 John 4:7)?
- A Greater Love (1 John 3:1–3)
 - What does it mean to you that God is your Heavenly Father?
 - How does knowing you are loved by God change how you see yourself?
 - How can you grow in receiving God's love more personally?
- A Sacrificial Love (1 John 3:16–18)
 - What can you learn from this passage about Jesus' sacrificial love?
 - Why can it be hard to love others sacrificially?
 - What motivates you more — obligation or love — when you give to others?
 - How does v.18 challenge you?
- A Communal (Community Building) Love (1 John 4:7-12, 1 John 4:19-21)
 - Why is loving others essential to showing God's love?
 - How can you help build a stronger, more loving community?
 - Is it possible to love God and not love people? Why or why not?
- Closing Thoughts — A Love for the World (John 3:16–17, Psalm 136)
 - What does it mean that God loves the whole world?
 - How should God's love shape the way we treat others?
 - How will apply what you've learned and reflect God's love to others (in your home, workplace, and in general) this week?

