

# LIGHT & LOVE

## WEEK 4: LOVE ONE ANOTHER

### Warm up question:

- Think of a time when you knew someone who did something for you out of love. How did you know it was done in real love?

### Read 1 John 3:1-10

1. What stands out most for you in these verses?
2. In what ways can you see that God has shown love to you in your own life? (or have you perhaps struggled to see his love?)
3. How can we become children of God?
4. What's the main point that John makes in verses 4-10?
5. Why is the deliberate practice of sin incompatible with a relationship with God? (see verses 7-10)

### Read 1 John 3:11-24

6. What stands out for you in these verses?
7. Why is Christ's death on the cross the supreme example of God's love? (see verse 16)
8. In what practical ways might we 'lay down our lives' for each other?
9. How is God's true love seen to be real in the believer?
10. Some people argue that love is giving someone everything they want. How can we respond to this in light of an understanding of God's love and what we have read so far in 1 John?

### Rubber hits the road:

- Remember that 1 John was written to a church rather than to a single person. How can this passage speak to and be applied to your church community? How can you take a role in this?
- Memory Verse!

Write down **1 John 3:16** and place it somewhere you'll see it every day. Try memorising this verse and saying it to yourself every day. As you do this, remind yourself of its truth – Christ laid down his life for you and you should do the same for others!

### PRAYER

*Gracious God, thank you that you call us forward as your children to love you and love others. Keep me focused on your love for me this coming week. Also, please grant me the desire and wisdom in knowing how to share that love with others. Guide me by your Holy Spirit and fill me with your love. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.*

