

SMALL GROUP RESOURCE

The following questions may help your group to unpack this week's reading:

- What have been your experiences of love?
- How might those experiences shaped how you understand and experience God's love?
- How would you describe God's love?

Read 1 John 2:28-3:10

- Clarify any parts of the passage that you don't understand.
- Discuss the things that stand out to you in the passage.
- What do you make of John's statement about the world not knowing us? What has that got to do with the first part of the verse which says that God lavished love on us?
- In what way does our expectation of Jesus' return motivate us to purify ourselves? How does purifying ourselves from sin relate to God's grace?
- Looking at the whole passage, what does this teach us about fellowship with God.
- In light of your discussions, what does John mean when he tells his readers "whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil" (verse 8)? What then do we do with the times when we do sin?

Share with your community one thing you would like prayer, encouragement and perhaps accountability for as you seek to live into your identity as a Child of God.