

WEEK 2

MIDDLE SCHOOL DISCUSSION GUIDE



THIS WEEK

BIG IDEA

God's love changes how we love others.

BIBLE

1 John 4:7-12; John 3:16

ABOUT THIS WEEK

Love isn't just something God does—it's who He is. God showed His love by sending Jesus to rescue us. When we know God's love, it frees us from fear and helps us show real love to the people around us.

Let's Break the Ice // [Optional: Discipleship Moment Follow Up]:

- Last week we talked about God's holiness. How have you reflected on the holiness of God this past week?
- What's something (or someone) you really love right now?
- How do you show love to people close to you? Does it ever look different depending on who it is?

Bible Study:

- **Read Together:** As a group, read **1 John 4:7-12 NIV** (*telos pg. 1232*) and **John 3:16 NIV** (*telos pg. 1036*) together.

Discussion Questions:

- What does it mean that "God is love"? How is that different from saying "God loves us"?
- How did God show His love to us in the most powerful way?
- Why do you think it's hard sometimes to love people who are difficult to get along with?
- How can understanding God's love change the way we treat others—at school, at home, or in our friend groups?

Make it Real:

- Who is one person God might be calling you to love this week—and what could that love look like in action?

Prayer

Share Requests:

- *Ask for any prayer requests or praises to celebrate together.*

Group Prayer:

- Encourage students to pray briefly for each other's requests.
- Close by asking God to continue to reveal His holiness to us.

(GROW DEEPER - OPTIONAL) Discipleship Moment:

Show Love First : This week, **show love first**—especially to someone who might not expect it. It could be a kind word, helping someone out, or including someone who usually gets left out.

Partner Check-In: Pair students up and have them commit to checking in with their partner either sometime during the week or during your next gathering.