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## MESSAGE APPLICATION Guide

*Please feel free to pick and choose questions that relate best to you and your Small Group.*

### InstaFAM Week 3

**ICE-BREAKER:** What is special about our family?

Why do you think God created families?

The pastor mentioned some of the driving forces behind families. How many can you name? What is the driving force behind your family?

Do you recall some biblical examples of dysfunctional families? How do these stories encourage you in the process of raising a family today?

**READ:** "We love because he first loved us." - **1 John 4:19 (NIV)**

How does being part of a family help you understand God's love for you?  
How does it help you learn to love others?

**READ:** "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."  
- **Colossians 3:12-13 (NIV)**

How would obeying this verse make your family stronger?

**READ:** "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."  
- **John 13:34-35 (NIV)**

How did Jesus' example serve to increase the disciples' power to love?

How do we plug into God's strength and truly love like Jesus loves?

When we love like Jesus, what will our love prove to the world?

Do you know the purpose of your family?

What are some ways that we can love our families better this week?