

Read 1 John 4:7-12 together as group.

1. In our community we often say, "we know of" someone, but we don't "know them." How is that different?
2. Can you "know of" God and not truly "know Him?" Was there a time in your life when you knew 'of God' but didn't really 'know Him'?
3. Apart from God, we can be motivated to love others because we have a need. We love selfishly in order to get our needs met. Have you ever loved for selfish reasons? How is God's love different than the selfish love of man? Share examples in our culture.
4. Why is it difficult to love someone with no expectations and no strings attached?
5. "God is the unseen God. Yet, He can be seen when His people love one another as He has loved us." Are others seeing God's love on display in your life? How do you know?
6. How does the birth of Jesus highlight the love of God? Do you believe God loves you? Why?