

THE LOVE OF GOD

THE BOOK OF 1 JOHN

REASON TO BELIEVE

1 JOHN 5:4-12

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Before you begin: *Open with prayer and spend a minute or two in silence before God. Have multiple people ask the Holy Spirit to enter your time together and illuminate your hearts and minds to scripture.*

- Have someone read the passages in their entirety aloud. As a group, summarize the passage, and as you do so, note any observations, questions, and exciting insights you found while reading through the text. What jumped out at you? What was something you noticed now that you didn't see before?
- What does it mean to be "born of God?" and how does that correspond with the idea of a faith that enables us to "conquer?"
- When the scriptures say Jesus came by "water" and "blood," What does this mean? How would you explain it to someone?
- How would you define the Gospel?
- How come you believe in the Gospel of Jesus? How might you be able to communicate to others about God's goodness in a world that believes it has conquered religion?