

## SHINE - 1 John 4:9-21

**Memory Verse: 1 John 4:10** - “This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.”

### 1. God loves us- really!

*1 John 4:9-11; Philippians 2:6-7*

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### 2. Putting our trust entirely in God's real love frees us to really love others. *1 John 4:12-16*

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### 3. God's perfect love replaces all of our fears.

*1 John 4:17-21; Psalm 56:3-4*

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### Next Week's Reading Guide:

- 1 John 5:1-5
- 1 John 5:6-10
- 1 John 5:11-12
- 1 John 5:13-15
- 1 John 5:16-17
- 1 John 5:18-19
- 1 John 5:20-21

### Discussion Questions:

1. Think about the 3 ways to love that John mentions- pursuit, sacrifice and life-giving. How well do you love in each of these ways? Share.
2. There is a direct correlation between trusting God's love (He is enough, He is good), and how well we love others. Discuss how this works in our lives.
3. Do you fear the final judgment? Why? Are you aware of the fear of man in your life? How does it present itself? What do you fear most? (judgment, rejection, failure, appearance). Discuss how God's love expels fear.