

Week One: Receiving God's Love

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! 1 John 3:1

SECTION A: If this is the first week your group is meeting begin here; if your group has been meeting for a while skip to Section B.

- 1. You as the host will set the tone. Introduce yourself with a short 60 second intro. Talk about you and the parts of your life that you think your group should know. Invite someone else to introduce themselves until each member has shared.
- 2. Host share one hope and one fear you have as this Life Group gets started. Ask others to share one hope and one fear they have starting out.

SECTION B

- 1. Which of the five loves, Being loved by God, Loving God, Loving yourself, Loving your neighbor or loving your enemy comes the easiest to you? Why do you think that is?
- 2. Which of the five loves, Being loved by God, Loving God, Loving yourself, Loving your neighbor or loving your enemy is the most difficult for you? Why do you think that is?
- 3. If you had to list your top three attributes of God. Take a few minutes to think about this. Where on your list would "One who pours buckets of love on people fall? Would it even make your top three? How has your list changed over time?
- 4. In what areas do you tend to tie your own performance to how much God loves you? Do you think he pours out more love when you ______?
- 5. Perhaps believing and living in the buckets full of God's love is easy for you? Why is it important for you to know and remember that many people struggle to see God as a one who is constantly pouring out buckets of love?
- 6. What helps you notice God's love and move towards his love in your life? OR Tell about some times in your life where you have felt deeply loved like Dave's childhood memories of his grandparents house around Christmas.