

ADVENT: LOVE FOR THE UNLOVED

John 3:16, 1 John 4:7-21

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2. UNITES US TO HIM (1 John 4: 7,8, 11-18)
3. ENABLES US TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER (1 John 4:7,8,11,12, 19-21)

MEMORY VERSE: 1 John 4:10

READ AHEAD FOR NEXT WEEK: Luke 2:1-21

DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. Who does God love?
2. How do you know?
3. How has God revealed his love for you?
4. What is required for someone to receive the gift of eternal life?
5. According to John 3:17, why did God send his Son into the world?
6. Why would anyone be condemned according to John 3:16-19?
7. According to this passage, why would someone not wish to believe?
8. Does God still love those who do not wish to believe?
9. According to 1 John 4:7,8 what's the evidence that you're born again and have a real relationship with Him?
10. Read 1 John 4:9,10. What is atonement and how does Jesus' atoning sacrifice speak of God's love?
11. How does receiving the love of God change one's relationships with others?
12. If we fail to love, what does that tell us about our relationship with God?
13. How do these passages challenge or encourage you?