

Care

Read 1 John 3:16-18

1. How do you think people in Toronto will finish this phrase: "By this we know love ..."? What do people in Toronto think true love is?
2. To love like Jesus seems like an impossibly difficult task: it is a call to die for your friends. While it does mean that literally, the command involves our material wealth and addressing material need. What are some ways we can cultivate personal, marital, or family disciplines for materially meeting the needs of others?
3. In verse 18, the Apostle John said not to love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. What does loving "in truth" mean?

Confidence

Read 1 John 3:19-22

4. What goes on in your inner dialogue when you've made a mistake, you've done wrong, or you've upset or disappointed people?
5. Imagine Jesus looking at you right now. How do you imagine His facial expression to be? Right now, what do you think Jesus' opinion and feelings are about you?
6. What helps us keep confidence in God's permanent love for us? How do we as a community help each other keep confidence in God's love?

Conformity

Read 1 John 3:23-24

7. Believing in Jesus' Name means being loyal to who Jesus is and pledging allegiance to all that He stands for. And so, how is believing in Jesus' Name related to loving one another?
8. How can you be sure that the Holy Spirit is in you? How can you be sure that God abides in you?

Final Reflection and Prayer

Read John 15:1-17 together and pray the words and the truths in the passage for each other.