



### **Loving God-1 John 5:1-5**

- **What does it mean, what does it look like to really love God?**
- **The life of faith involves risk, but not a blind leap, but rather trusting our good Father and submitting every area of our lives to Him.**
- **Our good words fall on deaf ears if they are not backed up with loving actions. So how has God loved us? It was in action, by sending His own Son so that we may be right with Him! Would you spend time this week meditating on this? Use this passage as a reference point.**
- **We can risk it all and love others because God has given us His own Son. How does the gospel inform how you can love that angry co-worker, that annoying family member, that poor person who can give nothing in return, or even that fellow believer that is just different from you?**
- **God's commands are not burdensome yet rather provide freedom for us. How does this land on you today? Do you find it a struggle to reflect God's character to others by being honest, pure toward them in our actions and language, or putting their needs before yourself? Would you ask God to change your heart if this is a struggle for you?**
- **Who is one person you can focus on this Christmas season to truly love? This could look like praying for them, intentional interaction and encouragement to them, and thoughtful care in very tangible ways.**

- **Our love for God is proven out by our love for others, by obeying His commandments, and is lived out in faith.**