

STUDY GUIDE

I'll Be Home for Christmas 12.20.2020

[setting it up]

Give one example of a time in your life when you were “looking for love in all the wrong places.”

[digging deeper]

Read 1 John 4:8-11

- What are two observations you make about God's love?
- Based on these verses, fill in the blank with a word that comes to mind and explain why - Love _____

Circle 2-3 words that you think most accurately define/explain love and explain why:

passionate	warm	emotional	willful	choice
optional	protective	sacrificial	selfless	fragile
actions	fierce			

Read these verses that also speak to God's love for us. Feel free to add one that comes to your mind that isn't listed.

John 3:16	Psalms 86:15	Romans 5:8	1 John 4:16
Psalms 136:26	Ephesians 2:4-5	1 John 3:1	Romans 8:37-39

Would you go back and change anything with the word circle exercised based on what these verses say?

Is there anything you would add about God's love based on what you just read?

Is there anything about God's love that has been a fresh or renewed realization for you during this time?

How does Christmas provide us a time to celebrate God's love for us?

True or False: One of the best ways to describe Christmas is, “Love was born on Christmas.”

[living it out]

Fill in the blanks:

God, I know that you are love because _____

God, thank you for loving me even though _____

God, remind me of your love when _____

God, help me to share your love with (name of person or persons) _____

Do a “rapid fire” sharing of your answers above with your LIfeGroup.

Close your time in prayer, turning those four statements into actual prayers. Include a verse or language from a verse you read earlier. (This will be easier to do in smaller groups of 2-3 people.)