

# SESSION 1 HANDOUT

## KEY SCRIPTURES (NIV):

1 John 4:7-12

*Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup> This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. <sup>10</sup> This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us.*

John 3:16-17

*For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.*

Romans 5:6-8

*You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

John 8:3-11

*The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group <sup>4</sup> and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. <sup>5</sup> In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do You say?" <sup>6</sup> They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing Him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with His finger. <sup>7</sup> When they kept on questioning Him, He straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." <sup>8</sup> Again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. <sup>9</sup> At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. <sup>10</sup> Jesus straightened up and asked*

her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?”<sup>11</sup> “No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.”

Romans 8:31-39

*What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all—how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written: “For Your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” <sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

## **DISCOVER MORE**

Consider the key Scriptures provided and these key points to complete the questions below:

- God sees us through eyes of love and compassion.
- God loves us no matter what anybody says about us.
- God loves us no matter what we have done.
- God’s love is constant.

Do you think anyone really deserves to be forgiven? Why or why not?

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How does God's love set us free?

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Memorize Romans 8:35-39. Then write it out in your own words, inserting some of the difficulties and challenges that you are currently experiencing. As you do this, remember that none of these things can separate you from God's love.

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Write out a prayer of thanks to God for His unchanging love and forgiveness.

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