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3 key series insights to remember from John's letters:

- **First: Love has _____ in the _____ Christ.**
  - God's answer to the question, "*what is love*?," is a _____.
  - The goal of Christian living is always _____.
- **Second: Love _____ us as we _____ in Christ.**
  - John's answer to a crisis of influence is deeper _____ in Christ.
  - As we _____ in Christ, His love, made _____ to us through His life, begins to _____ who we are.
- **Third: Love is _____ among us as we love one another.**
  - Love is an _____.
  - John understands the _____ of the church as a _____ community _____ to practicing the love of Christ.
- **For John, the Christian story is about:**
  - Love _____,
  - love _____,
  - and love _____.

The invitation is to receive the love that has appeared in the incarnated life of Christ, to remain in that love and allow it to shape us, and to then extend that love to one another over and over again until "the time that will be," is.

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1. Looking back over this series, what passage, sermon idea, or image from John's letters has stayed with you most?

2. What do you think the letters of John most effectively speak to in today's Christian world?

3. **Read 1 John 4:9-12.** Trace the movement of love through this passage: What does God do? What do we receive? What are we then called to do?

4. **Read 1 John 1:1-4.** Why does John emphasize what he heard, saw, examined, and touched? What would Christianity lose if it were reduced to ideas rather than centered upon the life of Jesus?

5. **Read 1 John 2:6 and 2:24-27.** What does it mean to abide in Christ? How can deeper formation in Christ protect us from competing voices and influences?

6. Consider the three movements emphasized in the sermon:
   - Love revealed in Christ
   - Love received as we abide in Christ
   - Love completed as we love one another

Which of these needs your attention right now? What is one specific action you can take this week in response?

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LifeGroup Questions