GOD IS LOVE

I have good news. We can know beyond a shadow of a doubt that God loves us. John's letter tells us of God's great love for us. God's love took on flesh and dwelt among us. God's love came into this world so that we might live through him. God loved us so much, he sent his son to be the payment for our sins. What a beautiful and life-changing truth that is for the believer. And now we, as those who are loved by God, must also love one another. John boldly said that we cannot claim to love God and hate our brother. If we do, we're a liar and we do not know God. Jesus is the perfect picture of love. He willingly laid down his life for sinners like you and I and loved us to the point of death on a cross. What a great love the Father has for us!

Ezra 1-2; John 21

Ezra 3-4; Psalm 92; 1 John 1

Haggai; Zechariah 1; Psalm 138; 1 John 2

Zechariah 2-5; Psalm 93; 1 John 3

Zechariah 6-8; 1 John 4

Every week, you'll see the same five content questions. Use them as a guide as you read the scriptures. Pray for consistency in your Bible reading.

1. Who are the main characters in this text and is there anyone you can relate to?
2. Is there anything from this text that we are to do (obey, believe, heed or follow)?
3. What do you learn about God in these chapters and how has that changed what you believe about Him?
4. What do these passages reveal about human nature, sin and our need for God?
5. What's the Good News found in this text?

Every week, you'll see five unique application questions. Use them to help live out what you're learning in scripture. Pray for life transformation.

1. What does your love for others say about your love for God? Do you love others well?
2. When is a time you remember God giving you a second chance? Have you shown the same grace to others?
3. How often do you spend time in confession? Is it something you do easily? How does 1 John 1:9 encourage you in this discipline?
4. Do you abide in Christ? What evidence is visible in your life?
5. How do you respond to adversity? Where do you find your courage and strength?

We love because he first loved us. (1 John 4:19) That love is not only the greatest gift, but the greatest motivator. That is good news!