

# Knox Presbyterian Church Small Group Discussion Questions Better Together Week of October 9th

#### **Get To Know Each Other**

As always, spend some time checking in with the members of your group. Spend some time catching up and welcoming any new faces. You might share a high and a low of the last week.

## Read Scripture

Take some time and read our Scriptures for today. They are: John 15:9-17, and 1 John 4:7-12. (Remember that the gospel of John and 1 John are different books!)

- What jumps out at you or strikes you?
- What questions do you have?

#### **Group Discussion Questions**

### **Link to Sermon**

- 1. 1 John 4.12 says, 'since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.'
  - What does this verse tell us about how we are to love each other?
  - Does reflecting on Jesus' love for you make it easier to love people who are difficult to love?

- **2.** Pastor Becca uses the Greek word 'agape' to describe the kind of love Jesus displays in his life and ministry.
  - Have you heard this word before?
  - What does it mean?
  - How does it help distinguish Christian love from other types of love?
- **3.** 1 John 4.12 says that 'no one has ever seen God,' but that 'if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us.' In other words, while God himself is invisible, God becomes real and tangible through the love we share with others.
  - What do you make of that idea?
  - Do you find it inspiring or intimidating?
  - What is it about love that helps make God real and tangible?

#### <u>Action</u>

Take a moment and reflect on someone in your life who needs love—particularly someone who might be hard to love.

• What's one concrete, tangible way you can show love to them this week?

# Closing

Discuss that and pray about it together.