Values Bible Study: Love

Start with a time of prayer and worship.

Icebreaker: What gets you up in the morning? What are the things you love doing that means you enjoy your day?

Our **Love** value states: *Our central focus is meeting together to worship and glorify God. It's what energises us to live for him.*

- Why is this value important for St James?
- Why is this value important for you?

What might our **Love** value look like practically? (Suggestions could be: making Sundays at church a priority; time during the week spent with God).

Read and reflect on 1 John 4:7-5:5. Use any of the following questions to help you as a group to get to grips with what this passage means for your group today:

- What are your initial reactions to this passage?
    - Is there anything you don't understand?
    - What verse or verses jump out at you?
- What does this passage tell us about:
    - God?
    - Humanity/us?
- What do you find the hardest thing about the passage?
- 4:9-10 – What are the characteristics of God's love for us?
    - What does this mean for our own love of others (see 4:7-12)?
    - What does this mean for how we worship God?
- 4:13-16 – What roles do the Father, Son, and Spirit have in our worship?
- 4:15 – What does it mean to 'confess that Jesus is the Son of God'?
    - How do we do this on Sundays and during the week?
- 4:17-21 – What does worship do to us?
    - For our relationship with God?
    - For our relationship with others?
- 5:1-5 – How does worship change the way we live?

What could you practically do to change at work, with friends and family, and in church off the back of this passage?

What one thing do you need God to help you to grow in the way you love God after today?

How can you keep each other accountable for these things when you next meet?

Share prayer requests and pray to finish.