

The River of God  
1 John 4:7-21  
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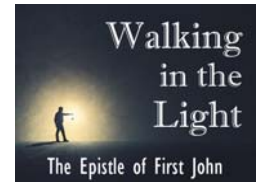
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## NOTES

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Suggested Questions for Individual  
Study or Group Discussion\*

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- What significance do you find that the Father sent the Son into the world as an act of love (1 Jn 4:9)? What does this tell us about the love of God?
- Have you ever experienced love as something reciprocated or transactional? How does this understanding limit love's capacity?
- Read 1 John 4:10. If real love is forgiving the sins of the beloved and remembering them no more how would this impact your relationships?
- How do you understand the Spirit to be active in your life (1 Jn 4:13)? How do you see this as proof that you live in him?
- Have you ever doubted your relationship with Jesus was real? Does a text like 1 John 4:15 give you any confidence? What is required on our part?
- What does "more perfect" mean in 1 John 4:17? How can our love become more perfect?
- What has the relationship been between fear and love in your life? How does John's letter help us understand our relationship with the God who is and will one day be our judge (1 Jn 4:17-18)?
- Why do you think that John emphasizes so heavily our love for our fellow believer in relation to our love for God (1 Jn 4:19-21)? Is this a reciprocal love?

\*Adapt or select questions to fit the needs and makeup of your group.