**Leader’s Guide for**

***Dear John: Discovering God’s Perfect Love in an Imperfect World***

**Week One:**

*Open the session with prayer, asking God to guide your discussion and give the group wisdom as they study His Word.*

Read through pages 1-4, answering any questions as you go along, then discuss the questions below.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Who do you think the unnamed disciple whom Jesus loved is? Why?
2. Was there a time when you felt Jesus’ perfect love? Can you share the experience?
3. If you have accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior, share how that experience came about with others.
4. Do you believe that God loves you unconditionally?

**Week 2: John 1 - 6**

*Open the session with prayer, asking God to guide your discussion and give the group wisdom as they study His Word.*

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What is one thing you have learned in your readings of John this week?
2. Was there a day’s reading that stood out for you? What was it about the content that stood out for you?
3. How would you describe God to an unbeliever who asked?
4. Have you found God’s love to be faithful?
5. When you judged another, were your judgments accurate?
6. Do you enjoy reading the Bible or read it because you feel you should?
7. What would you have to change for you to be more like Christ?
8. How do you prepare for Sunday worship?

**Week 3: John 7 - 12**

*Open the session with prayer, asking God to guide your discussion and give the group wisdom as they study His Word.*

1. What is one thing you have learned in your readings of John this week?
2. Do you look for the character of God in your scripture readings? Did God's character change between the Old and New Testaments? Why or why not?
3. Do you believe there are other ways to heaven besides Christ? Why or why not?
4. Do you believe God and the angels rejoice when even one sinner believes?
5. Why would Jesus weep when he knew he would bring Lazarus to life?
6. What have you longed to achieve? Do you believe it is still possible for it to happen?
7. Have you changed anything in the way you prepare for worship?

**Week 4: John 13 - 18**

*Open the session with prayer, asking God to guide your discussion and give the group wisdom as they study His Word.*

1. What is one thing you have learned in your readings of John this week?
2. Can you love others (besides family and friends) unconditionally?
3. Have you experienced the work of the Holy Spirit in your life? Can you share with others what happened?
4. Do you believe you are strong enough in your faith to withstand persecution? Why or why not?
5. Have you ever been deserted by family or friends because you spoke the truth?
6. Do you think Caiaphas or the other Jewish leaders ever felt remorse for crucifying Jesus?
7. Are you more focused and involved in worship since you started this study?

**Week 5: John 19 – 1 John 3**

*Open the session with prayer, asking God to guide your discussion and give the group wisdom as they study His Word.*

1. What is one thing you have learned in your readings of John this week?
2. Do you think Mary had a closer relationship with God than we do?
3. Is there anything that you have done that has separated you from Christ? Have you asked him for forgiveness and been reinstated?
4. Do you believe you have a purpose for which God has called you?
5. Can you think of a time when you felt God’s unconditional love for you? Will you share it with us?
6. Are there laws that you have trouble obeying?
7. Do you know God as a loving father?

**Week 6: 1 John 4 – 3 John**

*Open the session with prayer, asking God to guide your discussion and give the group wisdom as they study His Word.*

1. What is one thing you have learned in your readings of John this week?
2. Do you look for opportunities to share the gospel with strangers?
3. Can you obey God even if it doesn’t make sense to you?
4. Who in this world do you have the most challenging time loving?
5. Has this study changed you? How?
6. What would you tell someone else about God’s love?