



- c. Receive God's Love – (1 John 4:19-21) – *We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brothers, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.* Love is not easily offended! Who do you need to love instead of hate? How can you begin to take steps to show them love?

**Bottom Line:** God's love creates increased capacity to be loving. Jesus does understand! He dealt with all pain, hurt, and offense!

**Next Step:** As a group, take time to pray for each other. Pray for forgiveness of those who have offended us, healing from any of the offenses we have experienced, laying down of these offenses so they no longer hold us back, and opening up to the fullness God wants us to experience.