

The series *Together: Responding to His Great Love* is foundational to our new beginning at PCC. By studying 12 springs from the well of God's unlimited love in the Book of 1 John, our hope is that it would empower us to love ourselves and others more, as we seek His future direction. This week, we focus on how God's love provides a discerning Spirit that helps us to combat the lies in our life.

## #1

In the last week, how did you receive and or release the love of God? If not, what could you do to position your soul to do so?

## #2

Spiritual Practice: Lectio Divina with 1 John 3:24-4:6 What stands out to you (words, phrases, theme) after the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> time you read through it?

# #3

What are your thoughts and feelings about the fact that God has given you His all-powerful Holy Spirit to dwell within you *and* that there are countering spiritual forces and antichrist (false teachers, beliefs, etc.) that potentially deceive us? How have you witnessed others being deceived and/or yourself?

## #4

What wells do you go to instead of the well of God's love & truth? When and why do you? What is the result when it comes to your faith and actions?

What lies about yourself, God/Jesus/Holy Spirit, and or circumstances do you need to acknowledge, so that you can receive His loving truth? Pick one of the categories to focus on more deeply. What is a big lie that you believe? Who could help you work through these lies?

# Resources to help you receive and release His Great Love

#### FOCUS

#### **Breath Prayer**

Inhale: Help me to receive your love Exhale: Help me to release your love

## REFLECT

Lectio Divina: 1 John 3:24-4:6 — try this 3 times this week Daily Examen: Today, how did I receive the love of God and how did I release it?

### WATCH & READ

Video: *The Chosen* — see the love of Jesus **Kids**: *What is a Christian?* Journey through 1 John. Access through Right Now Media. **Kids**: *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?* (book)