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1 John 4:7-12, 16, 19-21 (NIV)

This week's challenge: Since \_\_\_\_\_ loved me, I owe it to God to love \_\_\_\_\_.

### Discussion Questions

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