



WHAT'S NEXT?

OCTOBER 31

LEAD WITH LOVE

START TALKING | Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Did you, or do you, dress up for Halloween? What is your favorite costume?
- What's the first word that comes to mind when you hear the word 'Christian'?

START THINKING | Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Read John 13:31-35
- Which words or phrases stand out to you?
- What are some practical ways we can show love to other Christians?
- What are some practical ways we can show love to everyone?

START SHARING | Choose a question to create openness.

- Read 1 John 4:7-19
- Which words or phrases stand out to you?
- Real love sacrifices, just as God sent Jesus for us. How have people sacrificed for you? How have you shown love by sacrificing for others?
- Perfect love casts out all fear. What things do we fear today? How can God's love help us to put our fears to rest, or at least place them in the proper perspective?
- Methodists believe we can become entirely sanctified in this life, that our default setting can change from anger to love, bitterness to empathy. Do you think is it possible? How might it happen?

START PRAYING | Be bold and pray with power.

Jesus, help us to love more fully and perfectly this week. No matter who we encounter, whether a family or friend, neighbor or stranger, or even enemy, may our actions convey nothing but love and care for them. Because God sent you in love, we must do the same and love all we encounter. In your resurrected name we pray, Amen.

START DOING | Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- *For more on all three letters from John, check out this 5 day reading plan:*
<https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/24041-real-hope-a-study-of-1-john>