

16 This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. **17** If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? **18** Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

19 This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: **20** If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. **21** Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God **22** and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. **23** And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. **24** The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

Small Group Instructions
Step 1: Pray

Step 3: Read the Scripture aloud together.

- Also, if in personal study, read aloud to yourself too.
- Make notes on the passage by hand
 - Underline, circle, draw arrows...etc.

Step 4: Read the passage again silently making observations on the passage

- Share the Observations with the group (if in a group setting)

Step 6: Read the passage again silently while making interpretive notes

- Share those with your group

Step 7: Read the passage again silently while looking for areas of conviction and application

- Share some with the group

Step 8: Close in pray together

Tutorial on how to take notes inductively on a Bible passage.

- Watch this 8 min instructional video and take notes
- Get clear about Observation, Interpretation and Application
- [How to Study the Bible¹](#)



¹ Video is from Impact and Logos Ministries. A Bible Translation Group. [How to Study the Bible](#)