

Finding *Renewal* in the Love of God

“Discovering Renewal in the Testimony of the Word”

Leaders’ Notes: Meeting 4 (or Unit 2, Meeting 1)

- You will need
 - Your own answers to “Unit 1 Discussion Questions”
 - For each group member, a copy of
 - “Unit 2 Introduction”
 - 1 John in the New International Version
 - “Prayer Prompts: Responding to God in Thanksgiving”
 - Unit 2 “Study Questions”
- Read aloud and discuss the “Unit 2 Introduction”.
- Distribute copies of 1 John in the NIV. Have someone read 1 John in the New International Version.
- Optional “Reader’s Theater”. See instructions from Meeting 1. You won’t want to do this every week, but it is good to add perspective at some point in the 18 weeks.
- Lead your group in responding to the text: ask “What did you hear?” (**Remember, whether or not this is the lengthiest part of your time, it should be the heart of the group’s meeting. Review the notes on “What did you hear?” if you need a refresher on how to keep the group open and willing to reflect.**)
- Distribute and briefly discuss the “Prayer Prompts: Responding to God in Thanksgiving” instructions. Be sure that you have read this ahead of time and are comfortable with the format. Spend time in prayer.
- Distribute the study questions and encourage group members to complete them before the next session.
- Remind them that they will also need to bring their copies of 1 John in the NIV and the “Prayer Prompts” sheet for the following week.