At times, we all fail to love people.

Love is showing people how much they matter.

"Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love. God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other." -1 John 4:7-11 (NLT)

Real love is from God, by God, and through us.

- 1. Real love is from God. (v. 7-8)
- 2. Real love is shown by God. (v. 9-10)
- 3. Real love is shown to others through us. (v. 11)

Discuss:

- 1. How can we remind ourselves how much God loves people?
- 2. What are three specific ways we can show our family and friends how much they matter to us?

Pray:

- 1. Pray that God would open our eyes to see, help our minds understand, and allow our hearts to embrace His love for us.
- 2. Pray that we would show our family and friends how much they matter to us.