

## BIG IDEA

**The death you choose determines the life you live.**

## WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO KNOW?

Discuss a sacrifice you have made for someone else. What did it cost you? Why did you do it?

**Read John 15:9-13.** According to this passage, how can believers remain in the love of God?

How can you love others as Christ has loved you? Is Jesus asking us to die for our friends? Support your answer.

Consider this week's big idea in light of **John 15:9-13**. How are the concepts of "love," "death," and "life" related?

## WHAT IS MY INITIAL REACTION?

**1 John 3:14 - 16.** Have you ever wrestled with hatred in your own heart? Can you relate to the way John describes this way of life?

**Re-read John 15:9-15** and then reflect on the way you love others. Based on these passages, would you say that you "remain in Christ" or "remain in death"?

In what ways do you move toward death and away from loving like Jesus?

John correlates hate to murder. What emotions does this stir in you?

## WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

How willing are you to "lay your life down" for other people? Can you think of tangible ways that you have done this for the people you love? The people you dislike?

**Galatians 5:24-26.** What are ways that you can keep in step with the spirit?

What are you conceited about? Do you provoke? Do you envy? Discuss steps that you can take to live life in the spirit.

Who is "each other" to you? What is one thing you can do this week to show love to this person or those people?

