

# *BElove(D)*

A STUDY OF 1 JOHN

**Week 7 —**

**WELCOME / OPEN IN PRAYER**

**WARMING UP...**

When was the last time you experienced awe? Awe can be defined as a feeling of reverential respect mixed with fear or wonder. It could be something simple or something extraordinary that you experienced. Share with the group one or two examples of recent awe.

**REVIEW THE GUIDELINES FOR SHARING**

CONFIDENTIALITY — LISTEN — PAUSE — SILENCE — NO “CROSS TALK”  
NO FIXING — NO RESCUING — SHARING — SELF-AWARE — “I” STATEMENTS — FIGHT FOR RELATIONSHIP

**LINK TO SUNDAY’S MESSAGE**

In the message Sunday, Pastor Tim finished the series from 1 John by again reminding of us our identity as “one of the beloved.” Wherever you see or read “dear friends”, that is the word Beloved. As you read the passage together as a group replace “ dear friends” with “beloved” as you go.

**READ 1 John 3**

**DISCUSS**

- Being one of the beloved means that God looks at us with warm approval, as a favorite, dear, and one worthy of love. When you hear that, how do your mind and body react? Are you able to receive that as truth?
- Hope was also a big theme from the word spoken on Sunday. Where do you find yourself tempted to place your hope outside of God? (Significant other, politician, children, medicine, career, 401k, finer things of life, vacation, etc.)

**CLOSING**

- What is going to change for you in response to what you’ve learned and discussed in this small group?
- How can we be praying for you this week? (Close in prayer together.)