# newlife SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

# Drenched in Love

1 John 3:1

Discussion Points April 26, 2020

## Read/Explore

1. Read 1 John 3:1 What stands out to you? What parts of this passage speak specifically to the reality you/we are experiencing right now?

### **Reflect/Discuss**

- 2. If you were ever in the Cadet or GEMS/Calvinettes program, share a highlight of the time you spent in ministry. Who were the leaders that walked alongside you?
- 3. Describe a time when you realized you were drenched (lavished) with the Love of God.
- 4. Is it important to you that these kinds of very specific action words like *lavish* are used to describe God's love for us? Why?
- Discuss the potential ramifications of doubting that God loves us in this way.
  *If you feel comfortable* Share an example of how this might have manifested itself in your own life.
- 6. What are the blessings of a covenant community that have the most impact on you? What are the aspects of church life that remind you that you are part of Gods family?
- 7. What evidence can you see in the last year that you are "growing in glory"? Share your reflections even if they are "2 step forward and 3 steps back stories".
- 8. Share about a time in your life where you had to hold on to the hope of Jesus Christ because you had nothing else.

#### Pray

- Give God praise for the GEMS and Cadets programs at New Life.
- Give God praise for the love that he lavishes on us.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to renew an astonished realization of his lavish love for us.
- Ask the Lord to reveal those in our lives that need to be reminded of God's lavish love for them.

