

Life in the Word

Cornerstone Sermon-based Life Group Lesson



Sermon Series: 1 John Series

Sermon Title: Love One Another

Scripture Passage: 1 John 3:11-18

Getting Started *Sharing from personal experience*

1. There are literally thousands of songs about love as it pertains to love's ability to make a better world. I'll get you started and see if you can come up with three or four more.
 - a. All You Need is Love – The Beatles
 - b. What the World Needs Now is Love – Dionne Warwick
 - c. A Change is Gonna Come – Sam Cooke

Observation *Discovering the context*

1. In John 13:34 Jesus says His command to love one another is a “new” command. Why did He say it that way? What is “new” about it?

2. In 1 John 3:12 John references Cain's deeds as evil and his brother's as righteous. What were his brother Abel's righteous deeds and what made them righteous compared to Cain's deeds?

3. Read James 1:20. With this passage in mind, what was Cain's failure that led to the sin of murder?

4. Read Matthew 5:21-22. Question: With Jesus' perspective in mind, have you ever murdered anyone?

5. Considering John 15:18-19, have you ever been "hated" because you loved like Jesus? Tell us about that.

Interpretation Discovering the meaning

6. In 1 John 3:14 John seems to indicate that we are saved by love for our brothers and sisters in Christ. Is that true or is there another interpretation of this passage that we should understand?

7. A person who has been saved should be able to articulate what he or she has been saved from. If you had the opportunity, how would you explain to a non-believer what you have been saved from? Note: Your answer to this question is also the answer to the question: "What is the primary human dilemma that the Gospel provides the solution for?" So, with this in mind, what have you been saved from?
 - a. Hint: Consider reading: Romans 1:18; Romans 5:9; John 3:36

Core Truths Discovering Biblical truth

In your own words, share at least one core truth God has shown you in this week's study and why it is timely or significant for you.

Practice Makes Progress Putting knowledge into practice

What action is the Lord prompting you to take this week as a result of being in His Word?

Worth Memorizing

Scripture: Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. (1 John 3:18)

Prayer Time

How can your Life Group pray for you this week?

Praise Time

How has God blessed you and answered prayer this week?