

HOME GROUPS

Questions for **1 John 3:11-24** “*What Does Genuine Love Look Like?*”
Week of July 18th - 24th, 2010

Warm Up: What is meant by Dallas Willard’s quote, “*Grace is not opposed to effort, it is opposed to earning*”? Discuss.

- What challenged you most from **1 John 3:11-24**, or from the message on Sunday?
- Focus in on **v.12-15**. What is John teaching about hatred?
 - In what specific ways have you seen unchecked hatred and bitterness cause destruction (see also **Hebrews 12:14-15**) ?
 - Can you think of an example in your own life where this kind of bitterness was overcome through Christ’s love? How did this take place exactly?
- What is the significance of John talking about “the brethren” in **v.16** but shifting to the singular, saying “his brother” in **v. 17**? What do you learn about the nature of *genuine love* from this?
 - Why is indifference to the needs of others such a common and dangerous sin, even among Christians? (see **v.17-18**)
- Warren Weirsbe says that “Self preservation is the first law of physical life, but self sacrifice is the first law of spiritual life.” How have you experienced the self-sacrificial love of another Christian recently? What did this kind act mean to you?
- Sometimes our hearts condemn us wrongly (read **Jeremiah 17:9**). Personally speaking, how is it you find your heart condemning you wrongly at times?
- In light of **v.18-23**, do you think there is a relationship between God answering prayer and our obedience? Where else in the Scriptures would you go to support your thoughts on this?

Wrap Up: Pray for eyes to see how God would have you humbly, practically, and sacrificially love another person this week!