



HTC Groups

Discussion Questions

Sermon Title: Light in the Dark: The Greater Light

Scripture: 1 John 3:11-24; Genesis 4:1-16

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1. Can you think of someone who was your “enemy” (not your friend YET) who you later became friends with? What happened?
2. John has three main themes in his letter: love, truth, and obedience. How are love and obedience connected? How are love and the truth about Christ connected? How are truth and obedience connected?
3. Why is hatred so serious a sin? Why does John use the comparison of Cain to illustrate this (1 John 3:12)?
4. Have you experienced the hatred of the world that John describes (1 John 3:13)? Is there a difference between hatred expressed because of our Christian beliefs and ones that are not related to our confession in Christ?
5. What does John mean when he says we should be willing to “lay down our lives for the brothers” (1 John 3:16)?
6. Why do you think indifference to the needs of others is such a common and dangerous sin (1 John 3:17), even among Christians?
7. How does love lead to assurance? How does John explain this in 1 John 3:19-21?
8. The phrase, “whatever we ask we receive from him” (1 John 3:22a) is often used in reference to pray. How does the second half of this verse, “because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him” (1 John 3:22b) provide additional context to how we pray and what we pray for?
9. Yet again, John reaffirms “that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another” (1 John 2:7-11; 3:22-23). How does this command summarize Christian belief? How are you doing in living it?
10. How can you abide in God this week?