

1 John: 1 John 3:11-24
Discussion Guide, September 13, 2020
Next week's text: 1 John 4:1-6

CHECK UP:

Memory Work Review: And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming. If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of him. - 1 John 2:28-29

- What intentional practices did you carry out in order to remain in Christ this past week?

OPEN:

- What does it mean to love one another? What does it look like?
 - o What does superficial love look like?
 - o How does the world define love?

John is going to challenge us how to genuinely love our brothers and sisters in Christ.

READ and ASK: 1 John 3:11-24

- How does John define love in this text?
 - o What are the results when Christians truly love each other?
 - o What is the best example of love in action that you know?
 - o Why is it easier to love with words instead of actions?
 - o How can even the church practice "superficial love"?
- How does the world show hostility towards righteousness?
 - o When have you personally experienced this?
- In what ways do our hearts condemn us?
 - o How does simultaneously knowing that God knows everything in our hearts and that God is bigger make you feel?
- How is answered prayer connected to obedience?
 - o How have you seen this to be true in your life?

APPLY:

- How can we show love to other Christians?
 - o Why is this so important?
 - o How does our current season of life make this even more valuable?

- Why do so many Christians struggle with genuinely loving other believers?
 - o When do you struggle with loving other Christians?
 - o NEXT STEP: How do you need to better love others as Christ loves this week?

Memory Work:

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. - 1 John 3:16