

Love is a Verb – I John 3:11-18

The Child of God is not like Cain who hated his brother (3:11-15).

The Child of God is like Jesus who loved His brothers (3:16-17).

The Child of God must love in actions (3:18).

Questions for Discussion & Application:

1. What was difficult, helpful, or challenging from this study of God's Word?
2. Why is it so important that we love one another as Christians?
3. What is hatred? Why is hatred so contrary to who we are as Christians?
4. The one who hates is said to be a murderer in verse 15. Why is this true? (see also Matthew 5:21-22 & 28)

5. What leads to hatred (consider Cain)? How can we protect ourselves from hatred growing in our own hearts?
6. How have you experienced being wrongly the object of hatred from the world because of your faith in Christ? How should we respond to this?
7. Who is the supreme example of love for us? (see verse 16)
8. How can we “lay down our lives” for one another? What example does John give in verse 17?
9. It is not enough to say that we love one another, it is necessary that this love be lived out and demonstrated through actions of kindness. How does this challenge you personally?
10. Is there a relationship where you need to ask God to help you love your brother or sister in Christ better?