



ONE OF TWO FAMILIES
1ST JOHN 3:11-18
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I. Introduction

Just like a rose by any other name would still smell as sweet, a true believer regardless of their current life's situation will be known by their mark as a Christian.

II. Original Message of Love (vv. 11-12)

- a. From the _____
- b. Ungodly resents _____

III. Only in Love (vv. 13-15)

- a. _____ the Kingdom of God
- b. No love=_____ dead

IV. Overt Action in Deeds (vv. 16-18)

- a. Laying down our _____
- b. Not _____ but faithfulness

V. Conclusion

God warrants our love and deserves every single drop of your heart's affection. He expects us to show that kind of love to others in the same exact way he shows us his love daily.



CEFC Sermon-Based Growth Group

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Text: 1st John 3:11-18

Kick Starters...

1. What is the difference between 'feeling' like a Christian and knowing you are a Christian?
2. Over the centuries, in what ways have people 'tried' to externally be identified as Christians (what did they do, say, show, etc.)?

Entertain the text

3. Read the text out loud and discuss/list/highlight any significant words or observations. Make notes in your Bible to help you recall anything important to revisit or pray over. Use cross-Scripture texts as is helpful.

Engage the text

4. Jesus said we are to practice love constantly. Why is this so hard? How does Jesus' example make this the standard for us all?

5. Read John 8:44 together. When we are 'of something or someone' what does that mean? (Hint: Good and evil are NOT concepts. For example 2nd Cor. 2:11).
6. Being hated at any time is not easy but John says we should not be surprised that the world hates us (Christians). Look at Luke 6:22 & 1st Peter 4:12. Why do enemies of the Gospel hate truth?
7. Actions speak louder than words, right? Jesus REALLY DIED on the cross, right (John 10:18). The greatest love was example on the Cross. What are some regular actions which demonstrate love for others?
8. We are called to love everyone. But some folks are really tough to love. Can we love all but like some better than others? Why?
9. Truly loving others is really couched in our obedience to God. Seeing others as children of God first is the biblical perspective. How does this help us appreciate the need to love others the way God does?

Execute the text

10. Personally commit to knowing we have God's patience working in us to approach other with the best of intentions and no expectation for self-serving motives.