

Sermon Notes

"Got Any Love/Hate Relationships?"

1 John 2:7-11

April 18, 2021

5. See what Jesus has to say about avoiding stumbling in John 11:9-10. How does this relate to 1 John 2:9-10?

6. If a person loves his brother, "there is nothing in them to make them stumble" (2:10). What does this mean, and why is it so?

7. What happens when hatred is adopted as a lifestyle (see 2:11)? Is any current or past hatred or unforgiveness blinding you? If so, confess it, forgive, and be forgiven (see 1:8-10).

8. Is there anyone whom you are failing to love, not because you hate him or her emotionally, but because you just don't care? Is there anyone you should love more actively? (Ask God about this.) If so, what should you do?

Let's Pray:

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 04-18-21

Questions adapted from Karen Lee-Thorp, ed., 1, 2 & 3 John: Life Change Series, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 2013, pp. 52-57; James Galvin, ed., et al., New Testament Lesson Maker, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1992, pp. 319-20; Lyman Coleman, et.al., eds., Serendipity New Testament for Groups, Serendipity House, Littleton, CO, 1986, p. 457.

Getting Started:

1. What is hate? Why do people hate?

Digging Deeper:

Read 1 John 2:3-11.

2. John has been writing about God's commands in general; now he discusses one in particular. What is the command that is both old and new (see the following texts)?

Leviticus 19:18

Matthew 22:34-40

John 13:34-35

3. How can the command be both new and old at the same time (2:7-8)?
4. How is the truth of the newness of the command fulfilled in Jesus and in Christians (see 2:8)? (Also see 3:16-18.)