



# SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Speaker: Doc Loxley // Sunday: July 3, 2022

- 1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study.
- 2) Read 1 John 3:11-18 together.
- 3) What stuck out to you as you read? Is there anything you don't understand? Is there anything you'd like to discuss?
- 4) Why is brotherly love important for Christians to express to one another? What are some important biblical passages on love?
- 5) How does John use Cain to exhort his readers to love? How is the world like Cain?
- 6) Why should we not be surprised that the world hates Christians? Does this mean that we never fight for justice?
- 7) How does our willingness to love reveal what is going on in our hearts? Why does John focus on love for other Christians?
- 8) In what sense are murder and hatred the same thing? How are they similar and different before God?
- 9) What is the difference between love as a sentiment and love that acts? Which is John's main concern here?
- 10) How does Jesus' example show us how to love?
- 11) Why do you think John is concerned with showing love through "this world's goods" rather than just with spiritual support, encouragement, etc.?
- 12) How far are you willing to go to show to others the love that Jesus showed you? How's your love life?
- 13) End your time in prayer. Ask God to help you apply the things you've discussed and learned during this time of study.

\* Some of these questions taken from, Daniel L. Akin, *Exalting Jesus in 1,2,3 John* (Nashville, TN: Holman Reference, 2014).