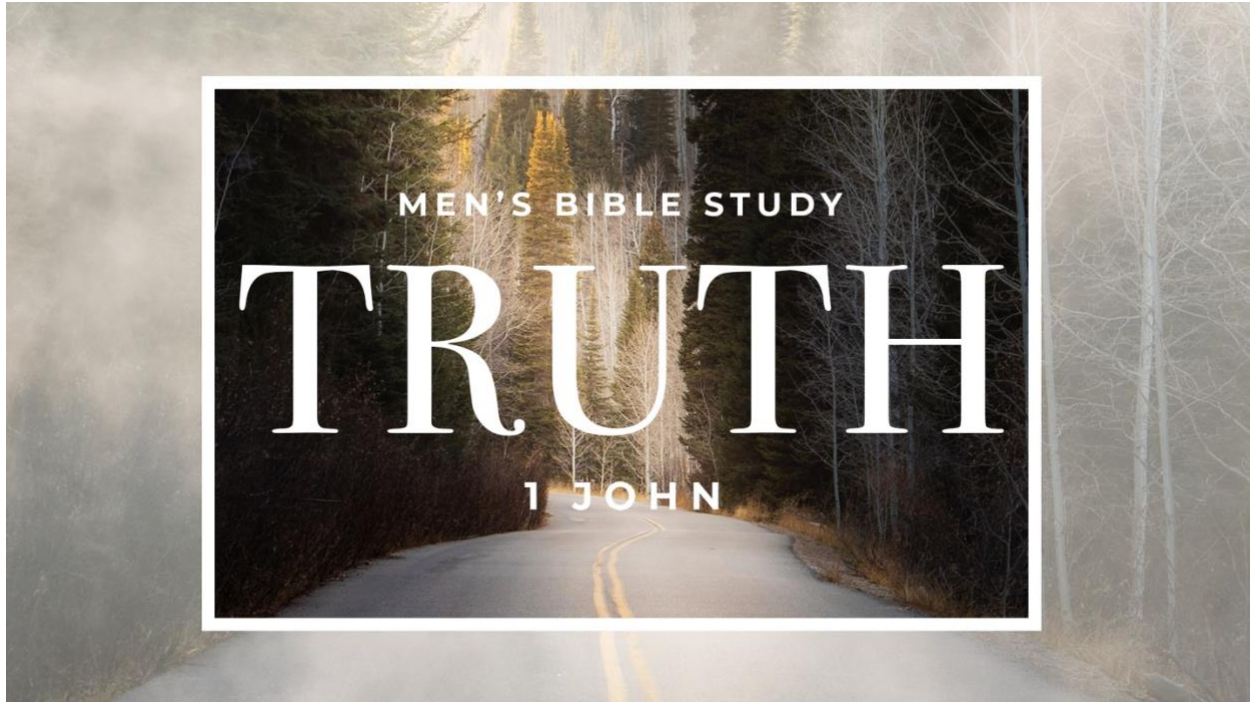


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**SESSION FIVE:**

**“LOVE” – PART ONE**

**1 John 3:11-24**

## SESSION FIVE TEACHING NOTES

### Scripture Memory: 1 John 1:1- (NIV)

**1** That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched – this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. **2** The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. **3** We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. **4** We write this to make our joy complete. **5** This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. **6** If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.

### This Week's Study Passage: 1 John 3:11-24

**1 John 3:10** – This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother.

- Love in the \_\_\_\_\_ reflects the love of the \_\_\_\_\_

### THE CHURCH WE ARE CALLED TO BE...

1. \_\_\_\_\_ By God's Love For \_\_\_\_\_

**1 John 3:1** - How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we

are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ **By God's Love For** \_\_\_\_\_

**Matthew 22:39** - *And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself."*

**John 13:34** - *A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.*

**THE CONTRAST WE NEED TO SEE...**

**HATE...**

1. Hate originates with the \_\_\_\_\_

2. Hate selfishly seeks another's \_\_\_\_\_

**Matthew 5:21-22** – *You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, "Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment." But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, "Raca," is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says "You fool!" will be in danger of the fire of hell.*

**1 John 3:17** – *If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?*

3. The everyday effect of hate: \_\_\_\_\_ that leads to \_\_\_\_\_

4. Hate is the evidence of spiritual \_\_\_\_\_

**1 John 3:13-14** – *Do not be surprised, my brothers, if the world hates you. We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers. Anyone who does not love remains in death.*

## LOVE...

### 1. Love Originates with \_\_\_\_\_

**1 John 4:7-8** – *Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.*

### 2. Love selflessly seeks another's \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. The everyday effect of love: \_\_\_\_\_ that leads to \_\_\_\_\_

**1 John 3:18** – *Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and truth.*

### 4. Love is the evidence of spiritual \_\_\_\_\_

**1 John 3:14** – *We know we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers. Anyone who does not love remains in death.*

## THE CONFIDENCE WE NOW HAVE...

1. God \_\_\_\_\_ us as His children to love like He loves

2. God \_\_\_\_\_ us as His children to pray for His purpose

3. God \_\_\_\_\_ us as His children to live by His Spirit

## SESSION FIVE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

## **QUICK OVERVIEW**

After seeing that the lives of God's children should be marked by righteousness rather than sin (1 John 3:1-10), this week we consider how God's children should relate to one another. One of the signs that we have passed from death to life is that our lives are marked by love for our brothers and sisters in Christ. And this love is more than just a feeling. Just as Christ demonstrated His love by laying down His life for us, so we should be willing to lay down our lives for others.

## **DIGGING DEEPER**

John contrasts the love that should characterize Christians with the hatred of the world. The world's hatred surprises some Christians, and they may even be tempted to change their beliefs or behavior in response to opposition.

**What is at the root of the world's hatred according to 1 John 3:11-15, and how does knowing this help us respond better to opposition?**

Jesus identified love for God and love for one's neighbor as the two greatest commands (Matt. 22:34-40). Therefore, a Christian should be marked by love. In fact, our love for one another is a reflection of God's love for us.

**According to 1 John 3:15, what are we to conclude about the spiritual state of a person who has no love for other Christians?**

**How does 1 John 3:14 offer assurance of eternal life to those who truly belong to God?**

John tells us about the kind of love that should characterize God's children in 1 John 3:16-18.

**How would you describe this kind of love in your own words?**

Compare John's description of love to the description of genuine, saving faith in James 2:14-17. James teaches that genuine faith produces good works, or else it is not the kind of faith that saves.

**How is this similar to what John is saying in 1 John 3:16-18?**

## **REFLECT AND DISCUSS**

- Why do you think so many Christians in America are surprised by the world's opposition to their faith?
- John teaches us that love should show itself in practical ways. How is this different from earning God's favor by our works?
- Respond to the following statement: "God will give us anything we want as long as we pray in faith."
- What biblical truths can we base our assurance on when we *feel* as if we don't have eternal life?
- How can meditating on God's attributes and His promises in the gospel change your perspective on prayer and what you request from God in prayer?

## **SESSION FIVE GROUP PRAYER**

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

