

**POINT:** Real LOVE Identifies God's Children

How did God speak to you through Sunday's message?

1. Read 1 John 3:11-18. What is the message of v11?

Identify and discuss the negative features of Cain as representative of the world and the evil One in v12-15

What is the everyday dangerous effect of hate?

Why is eternal life important to love in v14-15?

2. Read v16. How does Jesus' example cause us "to know love"? How does Jesus' love enable us to love?

What is the force of the word "ought" in this verse?

3. Read v17 and 18. How is the word, "ought" in v16, applied by John to other cases of "laying down our lives"?

In v17, there is a description of a person who "slams the door of his heart" to a brother or sister in need.

What does it teach us about God's love when John asks, "How can a love like God's reside in that person?"

4. Read v19-22. What is John teaching us individually and personally about the power of God's love in these verses?

5. How does Jesus' love (v16) and John's teaching in this passage challenge us to ward off hatred, anger, and indifference which in our society is modeled and excused?

What practical and personal steps can we take to grow in God's love in this respect?