



# FUSION

CHURCH OF MADISON

Sermon Guide for Tribes

November 12, 2023

Sermon Title: Love Madison  
Scripture: 1 John 3:11-20

11 For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. 12 We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. 13 Do not be surprised, brothers,[a] that the world hates you. 14 We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. 15 Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

16 By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. 17 But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? 18 Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

19 By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; 20 for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.

#### Points of Consideration:

4 Truths about Love:

*Love is not an Option vs. 11*  
*Hate is a Serious Sin vs. 12-15*  
*Jesus is our Example vs. 16*  
*Love is a Verb vs. 18*

#### Discussion Questions:

Why does Jesus ground the love among believers in the narrative of Cain and Able? Who is considered Cain in this example? Who is considered Able? What does this say about our basic propensity to sin, jealousy, and hatred?

How should we expect the world to respond when we love the brethren in a self-sacrificial way? How should we expect those who belong to Christ to respond?

How does Jesus give “hands and feet” to the love we proclaim with our words? How did he exemplify this love? How are we to exemplify this love among the brethren and in the world?

# Begin your time of discussion today by praying earnestly over the Sunday morning service!

## You Turn Ministries

- Soccer league outreach
- Pray for nine pastor training schools, and over 200 students
- Pray for the over 80 orphans that You Turn currently supports

## Church Plants!

### - Hispanic Church Plant

- Be in prayer for Pastor Roberto and his family and for God to open doors amongst the Hispanic community in Morgan County.
- Pray for consistency from new families visiting the Bible study.

### - Walton County Church Plant

**Church of Good Hope - Partnerships (Update from Craig Story - ChurchOfGoodHopeGA@gmail.com)**

#### **PRAYER PARTNERS (one-year commitment)**

- **Col 1:9 - For this reason also, since the day we heard this, we haven't stopped praying for you...**
- **Prayer is our most important partnership. If we could have a hundred churches partner with us in prayer, we would still seek even more.**
- **Each month, you will receive the Top 3 Prayer Requests from the Church of Good Hope. They will be as specific as we can make them.**
- **We would simply ask that your staff and leadership pray for those requests AND pass those requests along to your congregation.**

#### **CONNECTION PARTNERS (one-year commitment)**

- **Luke 10:6 - "If a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on him" ... Acts 16:15 - After she and her household were baptized, she urged us, "If you consider me a believer in the Lord, come and stay at my house."**
- **Good Hope is a small community and the Gospel will spread faster through existing connections.**

- Twice a month, community groups will meet at houses in the Good Hope area.
- We would ask that you identify families from your church that live in Good Hope to open their home as community group hosts for their neighbors and people connected to the Church of Good Hope.

#### **LAUNCH PARTNERS (6-month commitment)**

- 1 Thes 2:8 - We cared so much for you that we were pleased to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become so dear to us.
- There are many details that go into launching a church from scratch (like providing safe child care by trained workers with background checks).
- We will have preview services at 6:00pm on July 30, Aug 13, Aug 27, and Sep 10. Our Public Launch Service is on Sep 17, and then we'll meet weekly.
- We would ask that you provide childcare (and possibly other logistical needs) for our Sunday evening services until we can establish our own ministry teams by the end of January.

#### **FINANCIAL PARTNERS (6-mo. commitment + 6-mo.)**

- 1 Cor 16:2 - On the first day of the week, each of you is to set something aside and save in keeping with how he is prospering...
- The Church of Good Hope will join God in his plan to transform lives with the Gospel. We will do this by developing disciples who are equipped to share the Good News of Jesus and demonstrate the life He calls us to live in our homes, communities, and throughout the world.
- As we develop disciples, we will teach stewardship.
- However, until they are developed, you can partner with us at \$500/month starting in July 2023.

### **Life Community Church, Weymouth, MA**

- Visit the link below for a ministry partner update from Noah Madden and Life Community!

<https://youtu.be/8Gah-cMg-z8>

- A permanent church building to own.
- "Dots on the Map" for future plants
- Continued relationship with Seach Elementary School in Weymouth, MA - Next steps for families who connected with LCC at the Fall Fun Fest
- Office Space for staff

- Follow the link below for the most recent LLC newsletter!

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## FCA

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Please access the link above for the latest newsletter from FCA!

## Timothy Initiative

### Update on Turkana region in Kenya:

“This is the situation in Turkana region Kenya. Have your family and the church pray, remember Turkana church. People are facing a tough time because of drought which has existed for a long period. People are lacking food and clean water. Diseases like malaria, typhoid, and tuberculosis are affecting people. We lost eight people because they lack food to eat.” – from Pastor Eloiloi

- The East African team has been praying fervently for their field leaders and their families; many of them are experiencing significant health issues and are in need of prayer for both healing and financial provision.

- Pray specifically for Pastor Simon Eloiloi, a key leader in the Turkana mission work. Pastor Simon’s wife and daughters have been battling health problems for over 3 months now. His wife, Oriba Kemunto, is currently in need of a third eye surgery, but the family lacks funds and is praying for God to provide a way for them.

- For both the staff and field leaders, prayer has been requested for grace and motivation to continue in service.

- Pray for these pastors as they minister in often desolate, impoverished places with limited resources and cultural opposition.

- The cost of planting a church through TTI is \$400; consider how your tribe may impact believers across the globe by planting a church through TTI!