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# LIFE APPLICATION SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Jesus is Greater Than Hate

1 John 4:4

*He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. 1 John 4:4*

Dr. Jimmy Stewart | June 7, 2020

## Sermon Summary

Jesus Is Greater Than . . . Anything or Anyone You Will Face in This World. When doubt, fear, sin or hate come, you have an advocate, Jesus, the Son of God. Jesus, the great high priest, is able to sympathize with your weaknesses. You then, hold fast to your confession of faith and with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that you may receive mercy and find grace to help in your time of need (Hebrews 4:14-15 paraphrased). Jesus, the Son of God, the great high priest, is greater than he who is in the world (1 John 4:4 paraphrased).

## Diving Into The Message

### Hate

*For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. 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. Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.*

**1 John 3:11-16**

### Murderers are haters

### Haters are murderers

### Christ followers are not haters, they cannot be.

No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite. **Nelson Mandela Long Walk to Freedom**

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**1 John 3:11, 16**

*If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.*

**1 John 4:20**

### What is in your Heart?

Don't try to change the nation if God can't even change your heart. This is the time for a reset. **Tony Evans**

**What is valued and taught in your Home?**

**Who is in your Huddle?**

**What contribution are you making to Humanity?**

Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that. **Dr. Martin Luther King**

Hate is too great a burden to bear. It injures the hater more than it injures the hated. **Coretta Scott Kin**

**Hate does not win - Hate killed Jesus - Jesus is alive! - Love Wins!**

**We change humanity by working on our heart, our home and our huddle!**

If we could spread love as quickly as we spread hate and negativity, what an awesome world we would live in. **Joey Bennett**

**Heart Change**

### Life Application Questions

1. Have you ever hated someone? Has someone ever hated you? What did you learn about yourself? Others?
2. When is hating okay? Jesus made it clear that we are to love and not hate. Is it ever okay to hate someone? (Romans 12:9 - abhor what is evil! Hate what is evil.)
3. What are some causes of hate in our world today? (Envy, jealousy, strife, inequality, etc.)
4. How can one person, one family or one church make a difference? (Love)
5. How would you go about loving someone who hated you or did something awful to someone you loved or even like you?
6. How can you change your heart? How can Jesus help you love others?
7. What can you do to help move our country toward God and away from racism and violence?
8. What can First Baptist Gulfport do to improve all relations in our community? What does love look like in action?

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*Life Group Leaders use this guide for discussion and application in your next Life Group meeting*