

# 1 John: I'm not Abel (Week 4)

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## Discussion and Questions:

To start - any journal highlights to share?

1. Begin by reading 1 John 3:11-18. According to this passage, we should expect the world to hate us. What do you think being hated by the world would like? What are some things we are to be doing in order to attract hate from the world?
2. Verse 15 links hate with murder because of Cain and Abel's example. (Genesis 4) What is this saying about where sin starts and what is the remedy for this?
3. Who does verse 16 say we are to lay down our lives for? What about those outside of God's family? Who is to love them?
4. Verse 14 speaks of unloving people remaining in death. So, in verse 17, is John really saying that if we do not give stuff to the poor we need to question if we are actually a Christian? Explain your answer.
5. Read together James 2:14-17, using several versions. Look carefully at the second question in verse 14. How can a person be sure that they have saving faith and not faith of another kind? On what do you base your answer?
6. What action can we take as a group to show God's love? Choose something together now and make a plan to do so within the next month.

## Upcoming dates

1. CORE – Tuesday September 26<sup>th</sup> – 7pm dinner/7.30pm start
2. Camp Survivor – Monday October 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday October 6<sup>th</sup>