

Open It!

Why do the people you know get out of bed every day? What are the motivations that fuel their thinking and doing?

Consider It!

What are the characteristics of a person who truly knows God (2:3-6)?

What is the old commandment that is given again as a new commandment to followers of Christ (2:7-8; see also 2:24; 3:11; 2 John 5; Leviticus 19:18; John 13:34)?

What are the spiritual hazards of not loving a brother or sister in Christ (2:9-11)?

Which of the "I am writing to you" statements best describes your present state as a follower of Jesus (2:12-14)? And, why?

How is love for the world expressed? What things of the world do we see as necessary (2:15)?

In what ways are you tempted or distracted by the desires of the flesh, the desires of the eyes, or things we are tempted to take pride in or boast about in our lives (2:16)?

What does it mean to do the will of God (2:17)? What does the Psalmist equate with doing God's will (Psalm 103:20,21)?

Pray It!

Father, it is so easy for me to get lost in anger, resentment, or jealousy of others, and fail to hear your voice of love calling me home. Melt away my resentments and unforgiveness toward others with your love. And free me to love others with your love. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Peter Scazzero, Emotionally Healthy Relationships Day by Day, page 32

Live It!

What worldly thing do you need to give up because it keeps you from fellowship with God and other Christ-followers?

What does God's word require of you today?

Unleashing the Love of God

Walking in Obedience

1 John 2:3-17

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Sermon Question

What Is the Shape of Your Love?

Love Shaped by Active Obedience1 John 2:3-6

If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

John 14:15

Love Shaped by Divine Light 1 John 2:7-11

The Light of the Old Covenant (Exodus 20:2-17)

The Light of the New Covenant (John 13:34-35)

Abide in the Light (1 John 2:10)

Love Shaped by Written Words 1 John 2:12-14

I am writing to you, little children...

I am writing to you, fathers...

I am writing to you, young men....

Love Shaped by Lasting Desire 1 John 2:15-17

Pray like this:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Matthew 6:9–13 (NIV)