

By This We Know
Sermon Notes

If you are going to love one another then you have to...

Point 1 - _____ the Love of the _____

Point 2 - _____ the Love of the _____

Point 3 - _____ the Love of a _____



The Worship of God

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Community Group Discussion Guide – 1 John 3:11-18

Ice Breaker

If you have experienced this then share about a time that someone did something or said something to you that made you think “wow I now know they really do love me.”

Discuss Together

In calling us to a life of love, John first gives an example of hate that helps us understand love and calls us to self-examination.

What does this passage tell us about hate? What are its object, its origin, and its provocation? How does it manifest itself, both overtly and subtly?

What do the presence of hate and the absence of love indicate about a person?

Using John’s words in verses 16-18, how would you define love? Why is Christ’s death on the cross the supreme example?

How does Jesus’ example of love differ from contemporary notions of love? (See 1 John 3:18.)

Apply Together

C. S. Lewis wrote, “It is easier to be enthusiastic about Humanity with a capital ‘H’ than it is to love individual men and women, especially those who are uninteresting, exasperating, depraved, or otherwise unattractive. Loving everybody in general may be an excuse for loving nobody in particular.”¹ What obstacles do we commonly encounter when we seek to love others? What keeps us from loving others in practical ways?

One of the most common obstacles we have to loving others is that we are too busy. What can you or should you offload to spend more time with people?

How can both seeing the example of Christ’s love. but more importantly experiencing the love of Christ, help you to love difficult people?

Privately, think of three people you find hard to love. What practical and specific steps can you take to love them better?

Community Groups: Each semester the Community Groups of King’s Chapel are to look for practical ways to love others in service. Take some time to brainstorm ideas for serving as a group