

**A Collection of Thoughts**  
*Sermon Notes*

*Introductory Thoughts:*

**Heading 1:** \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 19-20)

**Heading 2:** \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 21-23)

**Heading 3:** \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 24)



## The Worship of God

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## Community Group Discussion Guide – 1 John 3:19-24

### Ice Breaker

Which general part of the Bible is the most difficult for you to understand --- the Law (Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy), the Poets (Job-Ecclesiastes), the Prophets (Isaiah-Malachi), or Revelation?

### Discuss Together

What has John said up to this point (vs. 11-18) that leads him to address issues of our hearts?

What is the “comfort” interpretation of Vs. 19-20?

What is the “conviction” interpretation of vs. 19-20?

Vs. 19 says “whenever our heart condemn us” -- In what way could heart condemnation be true and just ? In what way could it be false and unjust? How does your own heart tend to function - do you find your heart tends to be tougher towards conviction or do you find that your heart is overly sensitive and insecure?

What do we learn from this passage about the correlation between our life and our prayers? (See 1 John 5:14–15, James 5:16 and 1 Peter 3:7 as well)

### Apply Together

Read back over 1 John 3:11-18 --- In regards to loving your brother as vss. 11-18 calls you, does your heart condemn you or does the evidence affirm you? (It’s okay to be affirmed - but provide examples of ways you have seen God grow you that has encouraged your heart).

If you feel your heart condemns you as read vs. 11-18, what does the Cross of Jesus Christ say to you?

If you were to die tonight and stand before God, would you be confident? Why or Why not?