

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, August 29, 2021

Passage: 1 John 2:7-11

Memory Passage: 1 John 2:9-11

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read 1 John 2:7-11.** Summarize what you learned about John’s first test, the moral test of obedience (2:3-6).

(b) How did you apply what you learned last week to your life? How did you grow in your understanding that you have “come to know him” (2:3)?

(c) To what “command” does John refer in vs. 7-8? In what ways was it “old” (cf. Lev. 19:8, Deut. 6:5, & Matt. 22:34-40)?

(d) In what ways was this command also (“At the same time” in v. 8 ESV) new (cf. John 13:34 & 1 John 2:8)?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read 1 John 2:7-11.** Explain the phrase, “which is true in him and in you” (v. 8) and what it means in John’s explanation of the love command being “new.”

(b) What “darkness” is passing away, what/who is the “true light,” and how does one affect the other (cf. John, 1:4-5, 9; 8:12; 9:5; 12:35-36, 46; Phil 2:12-16;)?

(c) What is “hate?” What is “love?” Give full definitions of each. How will you know when you, or someone else, is acting in both hate and love toward other believers?

(d) How does hating one’s brother prove one is “in darkness” (v. 9) even though one might claim to be in the light?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read 1 John 2:7-11.** In what way does one’s abiding in the light show “in him there is no cause for stumbling,” and does this refer to not causing oneself to stumble, others to stumble, or both? Explain your answer.

(b) Explain the relationship between one being “in darkness” and being one who walks in the darkness?”

(c) Why does this person “not know where he is going (v. 11)?

(d) Explain the relationship between one’s place (light or dark) and one’s actions.

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read 1 John 2:7-11.** How have you experienced “hate” from other believers? How have you hated other believers?

(b) In what ways can hating brothers & sisters in Christ cause you to cause yourself to stumble?

(c) In what ways can hating brothers & sisters in Christ cause other believers to stumble?

(d) Spend time repenting toward God of your hatred toward other believers and make plans to seek those believers out and repent toward them and seek reconciliation.

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read 1 John 2:7-11.** In what ways is the truth of John’s command “true (or realized, manifest) in him (i.e., Jesus, v. 8)?”

(b) Write down at least 5 ways the truth of this old/new commandment is “true (or realized, manifest) in you.”

(c) Consider the 5 ways you answer in (b). Are these thoughts or actions? Can love truly exist if it is not an action? Would others say of you, “_____ truly loves the believers in our church!”?

(d) Write down at least 5 ways other believers have loved you in and through our church.

(e) Spend time thanking God for the love other believers have shown you and make plans to thank those particular believers who have loved you and shown the light of Christ to you.

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The Test of Love