

1 John 3:10-24 Love it makes the Church go Round

öYou only Love God as much as the person you hate the mostö
Evaluate whether this statement is true or false

Read 1 John 3:10-15

1. In helping us understand the difference between a real Christian and a fake John uses a lot of black & white contrasts ö what contrasts are used in these verses?

2. Who did they hear the message to ÑLove one anotherö from? Who did John hear it from? See also 1 John 1:3-5, John 13:34

Cain's Hate

3. Who is Cain like and why? *Also see Genesis 4:1-8, John 8:44*

4. What did Cain's offering to God and the way he treated Abel show who he was really seeking to serve?

5. How is Cain typical of the worldly attitude towards life?

6. What attitude can we expect the world to have towards Christians and why shouldn't we be surprised? 3:1 & 3:13

Jesus Love & Ours

Read 1 John 3:16-24

7. What is John's definition of love?

8. List all the ways that Jesus attitude to others is different to Cain's

9. True love is like Jesus, other person centred, unselfish, sacrificial, costly, and unconditional. How does v17-18 say it will show itself?

10. What does John mean when he says ÑThis then is how we can know we belong to the truthö(19)?

11. If practical love is evidence that we belong to the truth, Can you think of specific acts of love or kindness you have seen or heard when you look around our own church family?

12. How comforted or challenged do you feel when you look at how well you are loving others yourself personally - If your heart is uneasy or condemning, what does John say to you in Verse 21-24?

Apply

John wants our 1st concern to love to be towards our fellow Ñbrothersö(16-17) & sisters in Christ (also see Galatians 6:9-10), Therefore how should our love for others at church show itself:- when someone is sick?

when you don't Ñclickö with someone?

At morning tea after church?

Showing hospitality to others?

In regular attendance?

When someone in the church upsets you?

Being like Jesus instead of Cain is hard! What can you do to reflect Jesus sacrificial love more?

Pray for the Holiday Kids Club and Adults Coffee Club and it's planning,