

Home Group Questions – 1 John 3:11-24

1. What do **vs11 & 15** indicate about the importance of a Christian loving their fellow Christians? How seriously do you take this call and command?
2. John warns Christian not to follow the example of Cain (**vs 12-15**) How do Jesus words in **Matthew 5: 21-22** inform and strengthen the challenge of John's warning for every professing Christian?
3. Compare **1 John 3:16** and **John 3:16**. What do we learn from these verses about the nature of God's love for us in Christ?
4. What might sacrificial Christ-like love for a fellow believer look like (see **vs16-18**)? (Give examples if you can) What holds us back from such love?
5. John speaks of '**whenever our hearts condemn us..**'(**v20**) When have you experienced that and from John's letter or other parts of the New Testament how should we respond to that internal sense of condemnation?
6. The commandments of God are numerous but in **v23** John summarises them into two commands. What are they? Why do they belong together and how do they relate to each other?

