

Community group questions
1 John 2:7-11

Opening question: Share the first thing that comes to your mind as to what you love and hate- Food, sport to watch, musical genre, movie, activity, to be a child again (add your own).

Scripture study

- Read 1 John 2:7. What command is John referring to and in what sense is it an old command? Read Matthew 22:34-40. What strikes you about Jesus' answer to the question? How is love of supreme importance to all other obedience?
- Read 1 John 2:8. In what way is the command a new one (see John 13:34-34). How do we live out this command before a watching world? What supreme example of Jesus brought freshness to the old command to love? Washing feet was cultural in its practice, but what are some ways we can "wash each other's feet" in the Christian community?
- Read 1 John 2:9-11. What does John say is proof of one's claim? What are the results of hatred? Why is hate described as darkness? Have you ever had to deal with hatred in your heart and how did you address it? Contrast biblical love to how our culture defines it. What are some practical ways you can turn the light switch on to love?
- Further application: What is one thing you want to take with you from this passage of Scripture? How is God working in you to be more loving towards your brothers and sisters in Christ?