

Community group question  
1 John 3:11-18

Opening question: Share a Thanksgiving tradition growing up and/or that you carry out presently.

Scripture study

- Read 1 John 3:10-11. What is the connection between living right and acting in love? How do we know our faith is real?
- Read 1 John 3:12-15. Now read Genesis 4:1-12 and make some observations about what is going on in the story. What do we learn about anger from Cain? What insight does John give us about Cain's actions? How does verse 13 fit into what John has been talking about? How have you seen righteousness incite anger from the world?
- How do Jesus' words in Matthew 5:21-24 apply to what John has been saying about murder? What is about anger and hatred that is so destructive if not addressed?
- Read 1 John 3:16-18. What is John's definition of love in the example he gives? What does it look like to lay down our lives for others (be specific)? What is required to love with actions and truth? Read Luke 10:30-37. How is this story a perfect example of what John details in 1 John 3:17? What would it look like for us to obey Jesus' words, "Go and do likewise"?
- Further application: Read Romans 14:1-3, 13-19. How is this passage an application of what John has been saying about love? Share some ways you can apply the principle of "love sacrifices itself for others."