

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study

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1 John 3:11-24

1. What message does John say we have heard from the beginning, according to 3:11? _____

2. What does John say about Cain in 3:12 (see also Genesis 4:1-16)?
 - a. He belonged to the evil one.
 - b. He murdered his brother.
 - c. He murdered his brother because his own actions were evil and his brother's were righteous.
3. What makes you more upset, when people do evil or when they do the right thing and make you look bad _____
Ok, now tell the truth this time. _____
4. John 3:13 says that we should not be surprised if the world hates us. Why, according to the previous verses, would the world hate us?
 - a. Because we did something wrong.
 - b. Because the world's actions are evil and ours are righteous. We make them look bad...our very life leaves them without excuse for their own actions.
 - c. John 15:18.
5. How, according to 3:14, do we know that we have passed from death to life? _____
_____What does it say about us if we still do not love? _____
6. What does John 3:15 say about anyone who hates a brother or sister. _____
Where do you think John got this idea (see Matt 5)? _____
7. How do we know what love is, according to 3:16a? _____
What, then, should we do, according to 3:16b? _____
8. What does love look like, according to 3:17-18?
 - a. We know we love someone if we say we love them...duh!
 - b. When we see someone in need and have no pity on them, how can the love of God be in us?
 - c. Real love is lived out and shown by our actions.
9. What is the difference between love and hate?
 - a. Hate is what Cain had that caused him to kill his brother.
 - b. Love causes us to lay down our life for our brother, not kill.
 - c. Hate is what we feel when we want something at the expense of others.
 - d. Love is what we show when we want what's best for others even if it is at our expense.
10. How can we know that we belong to the truth, according to 3:19-24?
 - a. When we come into the presence of God, our hearts do not condemn us (verses 19-20).
 - b. We have confidence in the presence of God (verse 21).
 - c. We keep his commands and do what pleases him (verse 22).
 - d. We love one another (verse 23).
 - e. If we live in him and he lives in us...and we know that by the Spirit he gave us, which brings us peace.
11. What about you? _____