

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

1 JOHN SERIES

These questions are for the **February 26, 2017** sermon, "Love Your Brother." Please read the sermon passage (1 John 2:7-11) together out loud.

Sermon Outline:

1. **What is the commandment that John writes about?**
 - A. "Love one another, just as I have loved you." (1 John 2:8-10, 3:10-11, John 13:33-35)
 - B. Jesus gave his disciples an example when he displayed his love in the washing of his Disciples' feet in John 13. From that event *we learn that Jesus' love . . .*
 - i. was aimed first and best at "his own," the Disciples.
 - ii. was unnecessary.
 - iii. was shown toward the one who would betray him, Judas.
 - iv. was a humiliation.
 - v. was displayed to those who would soon abandon him.
 - vi. was displayed though Jesus' on death was near.
 - vii. was a display of Jesus' absolute resolve to do the will of his Father.
2. **In what way is this commandment old? (7)**
 - A. It is seen in the older testament (Leviticus 19:18; Deuteronomy 6:5)
 - B. This love commandment has been a part of the gospel message since John's hearers had heard the Word taught. You cannot follow Jesus without loving one another.
 - C. "While the gospel does not have conditions, it does have requirements." -John Piper
3. **In what way is the commandment new? (8)**
 - A. Jesus had recently brought this commandment to bear on his followers in a special way.
 - B. The light is here in Jesus and seen in our love. Darkness is being pushed back.
4. **How does John apply this commandment . . .**
 - A. to those who hate (9, 11). They keep "progressing" in the dark, though blind. (2 John 9)
 - B. to those who love (10). They walk in the light, and cause no one to stumble.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: Review the lessons we learn from Jesus' example. Which of these principles are you putting into practice today? Which ones are hardest for you?
2. Based on #1, above: Discuss the idea that while the gospel does not have conditions (we don't through hoops to 'earn' God's favor), it does have requirements (if we belong to God we must love one another). What do you learn about assurance from this idea?
3. Based on #2, above: The light is "already" overcoming the darkness. How does this truth encourage you as you live in a world that is not yet totally bright?
4. Based on #3, above: False teachers will continue to progress in darkness. What examples of people who claim to be in the light, but are actually walking the dark do you see today? What is the best way to combat these false teachers? (Joyfully remain committed to Jesus' teachings!)