

In-Home Discipleship Guide

Our hope is that you would continue to both be discipled, and disciple those around you during these days. Below is a guide to help prepare you (and your small group or family) for the sermon to be delivered via livestream on Sunday. We encourage you to take advantage this as you are able, and let us know if there are other ways we can serve you at this time.

THEME: What it means to be children of God

MEMORY VERSE: 1 John 1:7

If we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

BIG IDEA: True children of God are marked by their sacrificial love for one another.

SONGS: Click [here](#) for Sunday's worship set. *Be sure to subscribe to our channel!*

TEACHING PASSAGE: 1 John 3:11-18

*See the **next page** for additional resources, including an activities that can be done with young children.*

Discussion Questions:

1. Where else in Scripture are we commanded to "love one another"? How does the context of those passages provide further insight to what John is reminding us of in this passage?
2. Jesus showed us how to love one another completely when He laid down His life for us. Are there ways besides physically, to lay down your life for someone else?
3. According to 1 John 3:12, Cain's deeds were evil. What were his evil deeds that led him to murder his own brother? (see Genesis 4:3-7)
4. When we live our lives like Jesus, often others will question or hate you (1 John 3:13). Why does Scripture say this is true? (John 15:18; 17:14, Luke 21:17)
5. In verse 18, why is loving in word or talk not enough? What truth is John referring to?

On April 27, Junior high students (JHM) are invited to join a Zoom meeting to further discuss the sermon from 4/26/2020. Follow this [link](#) to join. High school students (HSM) will be discussing this coming Sunday's sermon in a Zoom meeting on Sunday May 3, 2020 at 7pm. Follow this [link](#) to join. The meeting ID and password for both meetings can be found below.

Meeting ID: 876 8354 9724
(e-mail abowman@commfell.org for password)

Additional Resources

Teaching Passage: 1 John 3:11-18

¹¹ For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. ¹² We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. ¹³ Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. ¹⁴ We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. ¹⁵ Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

¹⁶ By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷ But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸ Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

Activities:

Kindness Container

Find a container in the recycle bin and decorate it anyway you please. Every time someone shows kindness and love for someone else in your family write it down and put it in the decorated container. When the Kindness Container is full, empty it and read them all to remember all the love you have for each other.

Window Writing

Brainstorm together an encouraging message to write and pictures to draw. Make window paint (for a non-drip recipe mix together one-part cornstarch, one-part dish soap, and food color). A less messy option is dry erase markers. Write your message or paint/draw your picture on the window to spread love to your community. (Examples: hearts, cross, smiling faces, verse, or encouraging quote.)

Sidewalk Chalk Evangelism

Discuss together what Bible verses and quotes will help walkers discover the hope we have in Christ. Write the verses on the sidewalk and decorate with drawings.

Additional Questions:

1. Why is murder such a serious offense to God? Go back and read verses 4-10. In light of this passage, who is source of all hatred toward those born of God?
2. How does this passage show us our need for Jesus?
3. Do you know any Christians that have legitimate unmet needs? Think of one practical way that you (and your family) can bless these people in the Lord this week.

