

Week of October 18 (Week #6)

- The Sermon Notes from Pastor Dan’s message on Sunday – “Love...is No Game...but a Matter of Life or Death” can be helpful for your group’s study discussion.
- Read together 1 John chapter 3, verses 11-24
  - Remind the group that chapter 3 can be divided into two parts with verse 10 being the focal point. The two parts being instructions distinguishing the differences between children of God and children of the devil. Last week verses 1-10 were discussed – practicing righteousness (“doing what is right”); this week we are covering vs. 11-24 – loving others.

(1 John 3:10 NIV) This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother.

- Refer back to chapter 2 verses 7-11. Discuss how John goes deeper (more specifically) into this “command” to *Love Others* here in chapter 3.
- **APPLICATION (i.e. love in action and truth, not just in words or tongue)** As a group brain storm and come up with a person/family who is in need (in our church) who you could as a group reach out to with love. (call Pastor Dan if you would like some names) Make a point of doing this on an on-going, consistent basis...individually as well as a group.
- Verse 23 is a second key verse in chapter 3. Discuss how this compares to Jesus’ teaching in Luke 10:25-29 which precedes His Parable of the Good Samaritan.

(1 John 3:23 NIV) And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us.