



## **Lesson Five – Sin...and Love! (1 John 3:9-24)**

### **Let's Get Started**

- ⊕ What sins do I have the right to forgive? In other words, if someone offends you, can I forgive them? Why or why not?
- ⊕ You're probably not going to have a huge family get-together for Thanksgiving this year. Are you sad about that...or (just between us) a little relieved? Why?

### **Into the Text**

- ⊕ Sin and God's Children – 3:4-9
  - \* "Commit" or "practices" here is \_\_\_\_\_ - it keeps on going.
  - \* But, Jesus came to \_\_\_\_\_ our sins!
    - This is the same word used to describe what happened to the \_\_\_\_\_.
    - Our sins could not be forgiven by a \_\_\_\_\_!
  - \* Plain and simple: if you practice \_\_\_\_\_, you are \_\_\_\_\_.
  - \* Jesus came to " \_\_\_\_\_ " the tools of the Devil – make them useless.
- ⊕ The Necessity of Love – 3:10-15
  - \* How do we know who's a child of God and who isn't? Their \_\_\_\_\_! (Mt 7:20)
  - \* John 15:18 – from them...to us!
    - He really says here – " \_\_\_\_\_ " the world hates you! Wow...
    - They just don't \_\_\_\_\_ who we are...yet!
  - \* Sometimes even the \_\_\_\_\_ are hard to love. But...

### **Apply It**

- ⊕ Does being a Christian mean we will never sin or hate again? Read 1 John 1:8–10 and 2:1. How is it different once you are a Christian?
- ⊕ Why do you think John tells us not to be surprised when the world hates us? How does this change the way you interact with nonbelievers, current events, politics, etc.?

## Into the Text

⊕ The Out-working of Love – 3:16-24

- \* The \_\_\_\_\_ display of love – the cross!
  - John 15:14 – can we do this?
  - We “\_\_\_\_\_” to lay down our lives. It’s a moral obligation!
- \* Can we even compare what Christ did to \_\_\_\_\_ our stuff?!
- \* Vs 18 – “Put your \_\_\_\_\_ where your \_\_\_\_\_ is!” (James 2:16)
- \* John is NOT saying, “If your \_\_\_\_\_ is clear, you’re fine.”
- \* “Believe” in vs 23 is \_\_\_\_\_, active – *stay* that way! How?
  - Keep His \_\_\_\_\_, and...
  - \_\_\_\_\_ each other!

## Apply It

- ⊕ Who sees and affects hearts? When is that reassuring, and when is it terrifying?
- ⊕ John makes following God sound so simple: Believe in Jesus and love one another. Are there ways you tend to overcomplicate or add to what it means to glorify and enjoy God?