

Specific Questions: Text: 1 John 2:7-11

1. John wrote: “I am not writing a new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning” v7. What does the idea of “beginning” suggest about training or discipling new Christians? Did you receive this kind of training?
2. John referred to the commandment to “love one another” as new in a sense of a fresh perspective or an unpracticed way of living. If you were training a new Christian (a recent convert), what examples would you give to illustrate loving another Christian today?
3. Read John 1:9, 6:32, and 15:1 and identify 3 things said of Jesus. What is the source of those true things? What is the shadow or reflection of those things? How does that concept help us walk as Jesus walked?
4. If Tertullian lived today, how would he describe the relationships of Christians (Those you know, or those in America)?
5. You might not hear someone say the words “I am in the light.” What are other ways of expressing that notion?
6. Among Christians in America, what percent would say they “hate” some of their fellow Christians? How would one measure that? How would one correct that?

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

1. What new concept did you learn from this week’s text?
2. Is there anything in the text that you don’t understand?
3. How does this text challenge you to change? Is there anything standing in your way of making that change?