

Specific Questions: Text: 1John 3:11-24

1. Why do we find it uncomfortable to identify conduct as “good” or “evil” ? Why do churches struggle with those distinctions?
2. What is the basis of John saying Cain was of the evil one and that his deeds were evil?
3. Do you feel more comfortable declaring someone's deeds evil or someone's deeds righteous? Why?
4. Christians are commanded to love one another. Do you find every Christian lovable? How do we reconcile that?
5. John establishes a connection between Jesus' love for us and our love for one another. (v16). What is the connection? Then John gives a test to show whether we have that kind of love (v17). What is that test?
6. What excuses might be given for not helping another Christian in need? Are those valid?
7. If we have the capacity to meet that need but don't, how does John evaluate that person? What encouragement does John give to help one another in verses 19 to 22?

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?