

## Fusion Q's – 1 John Living in the Light

### Discussion Questions

Q1. Why do you think John is so harsh on hating another person? Why is hating someone so bad?

Q2. How are you "living in darkness" if you hate someone? What does that mean?

### **READ Matthew 22:34-40 & 1 John 2:3-6**

Q3. Jesus sums up the entire bible by saying that it is about loving God and loving other people. What do you think he means by this statement?

Q4. Most of us feel we are ok with the loving God part, but John says that we show God we love him by obeying his commands. In light of this information, how are you doing at loving God?

Q5. Is it possible to love everyone? Why or why not?

Q6. What do you think Jesus meant we he said that we must love our neighbor? Who is our neighbor? Does loving someone mean we have warm fuzzy feeling about them? Explain.

Q7. Are there people in your life whom you hate? If so, it is very serious as John says we fool ourselves if we claim to love God who we cannot see and hate another person who we can see. How can you turn that hate into love? Is there someone you need to forgive or ask forgiveness from? If so, do it!

### **BIBLE TEXTS**

#### **Matthew 22:34-40 (NLT)**

<sup>34</sup> But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees with his reply, they met together to question him again. <sup>35</sup> One of them, an expert in religious law, tried to trap him

with this question: <sup>36</sup> "Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?"

<sup>37</sup> Jesus replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind." <sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup> A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' <sup>40</sup> The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."

#### **1 John 2:3-6 (NLT)**

<sup>3</sup> And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments. <sup>4</sup> If someone claims, "I know God," but doesn't obey God's commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. <sup>5</sup> But those who obey God's word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. <sup>6</sup> Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.