

Fusion Q's – 1 John: Light Over Darkness Talk is Cheap

Discussion Questions

- Q1. Talk about some ways that our world defines love. How is that different from how love is presented in the Bible?
- Q2. Why do you think love must be at center of our faith?
- Q3. Do you struggle to love people? Why or why not? Why is it sometimes hard to love others?
- Q4. What do you think about John's statement that those who hate are murderers? How is hate and murder linked?
- Q5. How can we be sure of God's love for us? How did God prove his love? How does God continue to prove his love for us?
- READ James 2:14-17**
- Q6. Explain the difference between doing religious works and doing good works that come from your faith.
- Q7. If love is the motivating force that drives us to do good things, how do we get that love to dwell within us?
- Q7. How can this love that John talks about affect how we treat each other in this youth group? What sort of things can we **do** to show other students who are part of this youth group that we love them?

BIBLE TEXTS

James 2:14-17 (NLT)

¹⁴What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? ¹⁵Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, ¹⁶and you say, "Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well"—but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do? ¹⁷So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless.

1 John 3:11-18 (NLT)... for reference to talk

¹¹This is the message you have heard from the beginning: We should love one another. ¹²We must not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and killed his brother. And why did he kill him? Because Cain had been doing what was evil, and his brother had been doing what was righteous. ¹³So don't be surprised, dear brothers and sisters, ^[c]if the world hates you. ¹⁴If we love our Christian brothers and sisters, ^[d]it proves that we have passed from death to life. But a person who has no love is still dead. ¹⁵Anyone who hates another brother or sister ^[e]is really a murderer at heart. And you know that murderers don't have eternal life within them. ¹⁶We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister ^[f]in need but shows no compassion—how can God's love be in that person? ¹⁸Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.