



## House Church Study Questions Based on the SAC Sermon on October 10, 2021

Sermon Text: 1 John 2:1-11

### Gathering Guidelines

-No Intro Video this week

### Take some time to worship

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6nl\\_7y1T5ug](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6nl_7y1T5ug) Holy and Anointed One  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=81OqNPV9\\_0Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=81OqNPV9_0Y) The Blessing

### Icebreaker Question:

If you could have any job in the world, what would it be?

Read: 1 John 2:1-11

### Discussion Questions

We are still working on the same general text as last week.

The basic thing we learned was that God wants us to not just know about Him, but that He wants us to *experience* Him; to grow much deeper in our relationship with Him. John (the author of our passage) is teaching some practical things about what it means to walk out our faith in Jesus.

Question #1: Read verse 9. It says here that a *brother* (that is one who is saved and part of the family of Jesus) who hates another brother (Christian) is walking in the darkness. This is not a salvation issue because it is a believer being talked about here. Instead it is a statement of the *depth of relationship with Jesus the brother is living in*. In this case the believer that 'hates' another believer is living in darkness.

**Have you ever hated (not shown love) to another Christian and noticed that over time this has made you feel distant from God?**

**Question #2:** It says in verse 10 that a brother (believer) who loves his brother is living in the light of Jesus. This means that he or she is living in *agreement* with how Jesus lived and desires His followers to live as well.

**Have you ever experienced fellowship with other believers, shown love to them and received love back from them? How did this make you feel? Did it seem that it brought you close to God?**

**Question #3:** Read verse 11. It says that if a follower of Jesus is not loving then he is walking in “darkness” and ‘does not know where he is going because the darkness has blinded his eyes.’

This would seem to say to us that if we are not expressing love to our believing brothers and sisters then this has very obvious impact on our lives. We walk around stumbling and don’t really know how we should live.

We have learned that if we are not really concerned about how our spiritual walk is going we can ‘hide’ from this by burying ourselves in our jobs, our hobbies and a host of other things that will keep our minds occupied. But Jesus designed life to mean so much more, and the foundation for true and genuine life is rooted in loving Jesus and loving our brothers and sisters in Christ. Everything else in life will begin to make more sense and we will learn how to walk as Jesus did.

**Here is your question: Do you think that it’s *really* possible to learn how to walk spiritually in Jesus? Do you think it’s possible to choose to get closer to Him and that it will really happen? Is it hard to believe this is possible?**

**Question #4:** Read verses 12-14 in chapter 2 of 1 John.

If it seems hard to really learn how to walk in the love of Jesus and that you can begin to seek after a deeper relationship with Him, then you need to hear what is being given to you:

**Verse 12:** If you have given your life to Jesus as Saviour then *your sins are forgiven*. This means that the One who has the power to lead you into a life of love and freedom lives in you and wants this for you more than you know!

**Verse 13: No matter what age you are, there is provision already made for you to encourage you. If you are a little older ('fathers' in the text), then it says that you know Jesus! If you are a little younger ('young men' in the text), then it says that you have overcome the evil one who tries to hinder your relationship with Jesus! If you are a little younger still ('children'), then it says that you know God!**

**And then in verse 14 it says that the word of God abides in you, and that it is God's power at work in you to accomplish His good will in you.**

**Here is your question: If God has done and is doing all of these things in you to bring you into a deeper experience of His love for you, then can you think of a way that you can show your appreciation and devotion to Him in your life? How would you want to put action to your desires? What kind of life-change would you consider making that would align you more closely with living in the love of Jesus?**

#### **Invitation and Mission for this week**

**This week consider how you would put your desires to show the love of Jesus to others into action. Maybe this will mean doing this together with your House Church? Maybe it will mean something that you do that is more private (like making time to pray blessing on your brothers and sisters in Christ). Maybe it will mean doing something like having a coffee or visiting and encouraging someone else? Whatever it is, it will require discipline and will. Submit these things daily to Jesus and ask Him to empower you to follow through. If you do, you will be taking practical steps to grow more deeply in your relationship with Jesus!**

**(I would encourage you, as a House Church, to help hold each other accountable so that you will have a greater opportunity to grow.)**

#### **Pray for each other**