



Growth Groups: Week 7 (3/4-8)

Confession: What do you need to confess? (Here are some questions to help you examine ways you might not be believing the Gospel).

- Is technology stealing attention from your community and the things you need to focus on?

Learning: What are you learning?

- What are you reading in the Bible? What did you learn about God? What did you learn about the Gospel?
- How is consistency?

Accountability: How can your Growth Group hold you accountable this week?

- This ties in with the confession questions. This is a practical way to walk together to identify sin and pursue sanctification together.
- How can your Growth Group help point each other to the Gospel daily? Come up with practical ways to follow through.

Prayer & Praise: How can we pray for you? What are you praising God for?

Scripture Memory: 1 John 3:16 – “By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.”

1 John 3:11-24

Read text together & summarize it

Discuss on the text:

- What do we know is true of us if we love our fellow believers or hate our fellow believers (3:14-15)?

- According to John 13:35 and 17:21-23, why is it important that we love of Christians?

- The absence of love is hate (2:9-11), and to hate is to be a murderer (3:12, 15). Why is refusal to love the same as murder? What do the two have in common?
- Cain killed his brother because of his brother’s righteousness (3:12). Why can the wicked hate the righteous so much that they may even desire their death?
- Why shouldn’t Christians be surprised if the world hates them (3:13)?
- How do we know we “are of the truth” (3:19)?

Application:

- What does the way you treat others reveal about views of them? Is there anyone you are refusing to love? If so, how does this impact your relationship with God?
- How can we discern genuine from fake love? Explain all the standards for identifying love found in 3:16-18.
- Why is it so crucial to meet people’s material needs, not just to pray for, talk to, or witness to them (3:17)?