

1 John 3:11-24 Message Follow-Up Questions

- (1) Do you agree or disagree with Andrew Fletcher's quote: "Give me the making of songs of a nation and I care not who writes its laws."? Why?

- (2) Please read 1 John 3:11 and Matthew 22:34-40. Do you see any connection between those 2 passages? Why would Jesus call the command of 1 John 3:11 a new command in John 13:34-35? What enables us to love?

- (3) Please read Genesis 4:1-10. What sticks out from this story to you? Do you think it would be easy to feel and think like Cain? Please read Colossians 3:8 and 1 Peter 2:1. What should we do with Cain-like attitudes? What do those commands tell us about ourselves, others, and relationships? What does 1 John 3:14 suggest about bringing change to any of those?

- (4) Please read 1 John 3:16-18. Do you like John's definition of love? How does the implication of Jesus loving us leading to us being obligated to love others sit with you? Do Paul's words in 2 Corinthians 5:14-15 offer any perspective on the issue? What needs to change in us so that we are not closing our hearts as 1 John 3:17 describes? When would it be appropriate to not help?

- (5) Please read 1 John 3:21-22. How do these verses make you think about prayer? What questions do they raise? What conclusions can you reach from them?

- (6) Please read 1 John 3:23. Do you think of believing in Jesus as a command? Why would John call it that? Does that impact how you think about God's commands? Based on the end of verse 24, how important is our being confident in our relationship with God to God?