

# Sermon Supplement from January 28

## A New Old Commandment | 1 John 2:7-11

### Warm Up

- Talk about the differences between culture's view of love and Scripture's view of love.

### Dig In

*Read 1 John 2:7-8 – An Old Command with a New Application*

- In what ways is the command to love others an age-old command?
- What are some ways love is expressed in the Old Testament?
- How did Jesus, in His earthly life, give the old command a new application or expression? (See especially John chapters 13-15)
- In what ways does this motivate us to obey the command to love our Christian brothers and sisters?

*Read 1 John 2:9-11 – The Darkness of Hate and the Light of Love*

- In your opinion, what constitutes hatred of another person?
- If we show our love for God by obeying His commands and one of His greatest commands is to love other people, what does it say about me if I live with hate in my heart toward another person?
- In what ways does the darkness of hatred blind us to what God's love has for us?
- Do you have to like someone in order to love them? Explain your answer.
- Use these questions (individually or as a group) to evaluate your heart for others: *Who might you hate? Who has hurt you? Who do you find it impossible to forgive? Who do you wish nothing but bad for? Who do you constantly have only negative thoughts about? Against whom are you holding a grudge that you can't give up?*

### Wrap Up

- In what ways has this study challenged the way you think, feel, or act?
- Share 1 or 2 action steps that you intend to take.

*Next Week's Sermon: 1 John 2:12-14*

- *Read the text several times in multiple translations.*
- *Read the text in the context of the verses around it.*
- *Read study Bible notes or a commentary on the passage.*
- *Write down what you think is the big idea of the passage.*
- *Write down a few personal applications.*