

# Sermon Supplement from April 7

## The Message of Biblical Love | 1 John 3:11-18

### Warm Up

- If you were asked to define biblical love for someone who didn't know Jesus, what would you include?

### Dig In

#### *Read 1 John 3:11-15 – The Antithesis of Biblical Love*

- In what ways does Cain's story in Genesis 4 exhibit the antithesis of biblical love?
- In what ways do selfish anger, envy, and jealousy show up in the Church today?
- Talk about the correlations between murder and hatred. What does Matt 5:21-24 have to say about this?
- How would you define hatred? What are some subtle and subversive ways hatred takes hold in our hearts?
- Are there people in your life for whom you might be harboring hatred? What do you need to do about it?

#### *Read 1 John 3:16-18 – The Epitome of Biblical Love*

- Why is it that any picture of love that does not include Jesus is incomplete?
- What do John 10:11 and John 15:12-13 add to this?
- How do verses 17-18 show the mundane, everyday nature of biblical love?
- How does James 2:14-17 fill in this picture?

### Wrap Up

- Share some things that might be hindering you from showing biblical love to others.
- Talk about some specific ways that you can show biblical love to others this coming week.
- How does what you learned in this study change the way you think, feel, or act?

#### *Next Week's Sermon: 1 John 3:19-24*

- *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.*