
IN DEED AND IN TRUTH

1 John 3:11-18 // Patrice Charade
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As I love God and love people genuinely, I will... 11

...show the marks of a new life 12, 14–15

...be hated by the world 13

...pour myself out for others 16

...open my heart to the needy 17

...back up my words with action 18

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. In 1 John 3, we see a contrast between love and hatred, and life with death. How might our attitudes, habits, or responses reveal that God's love is in us and working in us?
2. Have you ever experienced resistance for trying to follow Christ? Why can obedience, honesty, forgiveness, or intentional love sometimes lead to criticism, opposition, or hostility by the world?
3. In our text, we are challenged not to close our hearts to those in need. Why do we tend to struggle with this? What are some ways we could open our hearts further to the needy as individuals, as a Life Group, and as a church?
4. John says not to love only in word or talk but in deed and in truth. Why is it easiest to say we love but harder to *show* it?