

# Love is the Brand

## Week #3

### Small Group Notes

#### Introduction:

Ice breaker: Did you ever bomb a test that you studied hard for? Did you ever study content only to find out that wasn't what the test looked like at all?

*Over the course of the letter, John has talked about what love does and does not look like. John reiterates that subject matter again here in chapter 3. Those who truly belong to God in Christ will live and love after the pattern of Jesus rather than the pattern of the world. When we're born again, we will have a desire to love others. We either pass this test or not.*

#### Discuss:

1. 1 John 3:11-15

Ask: 2-3 Discussion questions related to the content.

- ❖ **What are some things that stand out to you about Cain and Abel's story?**
- ❖ **What do you think Cain's motive was in murdering his brother?**
- ❖ **In what sense are murder and hatred the same thing? How are they similar and different before God?**
- ❖ **How does John use Cain to exhort his readers to love? How is the world like Cain?**
- ❖ **What are some differences between Cain and John?**
- ❖ **How can we act like Cain in our lives and not realize it? What should be our response when it becomes evident?**

2. 1 John 3:16-18

Ask: 2-3 Discussion questions related to the content.

- ❖ **If you have siblings, describe your current relationship. How has it changed throughout the years?**
- ❖ **Do you tend to view other church members as brothers (& sisters)? Why or why not?**

- ❖ **Why is brotherly love important for Christians to express to one another?**
- ❖ **What is different about Christian love vs. how the world views love?**
- ❖ **How does Jesus' example show us how to love? How does it motivate us to love? What are times that we can get it wrong?**
- ❖ **Why do you think John was concerned with showing love through "material possessions"?**
- ❖ **What are some practical things you can do to love others?**
- ❖ **Do you think you "pass the test" regarding love?**

Close:

**How can we be praying for one another?**