

**NIV MEMORY VERSE: 1 John 3:18**

Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.

**GOSPEL AND LETTERS OF JOHN 26-1****"HOW GREAT IS THE LOVE OF THE FATHER"  
READ 1 John 3:1-24**

1. What application to your life did you find in last week's lesson?

**DAY 1 – READ 1 John 3:1-3**

2. The Father lavished His love on us. In what ways do you lavish love on . . . family?

. . . friends?

. . . God?

3. What does it mean to be called "children of God" from these Scriptures?  
Romans 8:14-17

Galatians 4:6,7

Ephesians 1:5-7

Hebrews 2:11

4. John was overwhelmed by the truth that he was a child of God in this life - right now! What implication does this truth have for your life?
5. a. The goal of every Christian is to be more like Jesus. What lies ahead for the child of God in 1 John 3:2b?
- b. What is happening now according to 2 Peter 1:3,4?

## GOSPEL AND LETTERS OF JOHN 26-2

### **DAY 1 (Continued) – READ 1 John 3:1-3**

6. With this hope in mind, how should a Christian conduct his life according to 1 John 3:3?

### **DAY 2 – READ 1 John 3:4-10**

7. In today's reading what is taught about the following aspects of sin:

- a. a definition of sin
- b. atonement for sin
- c. source of sin
- d. a specific example of sin

8. How do you think contemporary society has undermined the average person's attitude toward the seriousness of sin?

9. Sin is often an overt act. What should Christians also be aware of from James 4:17?

10. Remember 1 Peter 3:15. In witnessing you've been told, "I have a reoccurring sin problem. I can never be a Christian." Your response?

### **DAY 3 – READ 1 John 3:11-15**

11. What was the message heard from the beginning?

12. a. What reasons were given for Cain's actions?

b. The righteous acts of others could either convict us or encourage us. Give an example of how each might be true.

13. (IN-DEPTH) God's chosen have often experienced hatred from the world. Cite a few biblical examples.

## **GOSPEL AND LETTERS OF JOHN 26-3**

## **DAY 3 (Continued) – READ 1 John 3:11-15**

14. a. What strong comparison was used of one who hates his brother?

b. What did Jesus say in Matthew 5:21,22?

c. Why do you think hatred is the same as murder?

d. Pray for any area of your life where these Scriptures have had a convicting impact!

## **PAY 4 – READ 1 John 3:16-20**

15. a. Fill in 1 John 3:16 – "This is how we know what love is: \_\_\_\_\_."  
\_\_\_\_\_.

b. Write John 3:16 – "For \_\_\_\_\_."  
\_\_\_\_\_.

16. a. Love is sacrifice. What should we be willing to do in verses 16-18?

b. Share the way you've observed how someone let actions speak louder than words.

## DAY 5 – READ 1 John 3:21-24

17. What does today's reading teach about . . .
  - . . . assurance in heart?
  - . . . confidence in prayer?
  - . . . assurance in abiding?
18. What do you think can happen in your life if either part of verse 23 is lacking?
19. a. How may we know Christ dwells in us?  
b. What has the Holy Spirit manifested in your life that assures you that He is in residence?

**GOSPEL AND LETTERS OF JOHN 26-4**

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**LECTURE NOTES:**

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**