

Midweek Heads Up

Wednesday, October 5th - 2022

Night's Flow -> Eat 6:10 -> Announce/Challenge
6:50 -> Worship 7:00 -> Lesson/Small Groups 7:15

01

Big Ideas for the Night

Our love-life has a thing or two to say about who we REALLY are.

(John continues to point to evidence in our lives that gives the follower of Jesus confidence in their walk and eternal assurance. This time it is our ability to love)

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Teaching Time

Wk. 3 - 1 John - REAL-eyes - Our Love-Life

Big Idea: REAL-eyes : Our love-life has a thing or two to say about who we REALLY are.

The Flow:

Intro/Hook: Still working on this....

Transition: John is giving his readers this encouragement that there is evidence in their lives for where they are at in their faith. Last week it was our walk in and out of the darkness/light. This week it is our love-life

Book:

1 John 3:11, "This is the message..." (2x time we've seen)
-How we think we've usually got this whole love thing wrapped up... (3:12-13) (No murdering, might not always be popular)

-John takes it a different way... no love-no life, hate bros/sis = murder....

-Honest? Do we maybe murder? Reputations, Relationships, opportunities

Look:

Sounds important then, What does LOVE look like then?

-Jesus Stood up for us (2:1-2) Jesus sacrificed and paid for us.

-The Father Adopted us (3:1) God lavished an amazing blessing on us.

Took:

Looking @ God's example, how might we LOVE?

02

Tasks we're trying to tackle:

Memorizing names

Keep looking for outside opportunities to grow community in our groups.

Getting Oasis Info out and commitment from students and adults (Let Ange know if intersted)

04

SMALL GROUPS

Small Group ?'s OTHER SIDE

Other Confession exercise if willing/think it could at all benefit your group. swap with prayer requests time possibly.

05

Student Announce

- Oasis is coming up in month + , Getting interested?

06 Handouts/Resources

- Oasis Info Card

07

Week's ahead...

- Fall Shindig - 26th, check your Calendar!

- NEXT SERIES: The Bigger Story (Creation / Fall / Promise / Redemption / Restoration), 5 wks following the next two weeks.

- Oasis Forms Due - 2nd

SMALL GROUP

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Small Group discussion ?'s

- What are three things you love and three things you hate?
- How would you define love?
- Who is someone in your life that you think does this "loving others" things well, what makes you confident of your answer?
- John draws this connection between hate and murder (1 Jno 3:15), what seems outrageous about this? What makes sense?
- How does Jesus' example of Love (standing UP for us, and IN for us, at great cost) help us build a better definition for love? ** What kind of picture does it paint?
- How does God the Father's picture of adoption help us build a better definition of love? **
- John challenges his readers to "love in action and in truth." What do you think he means by this?
- Think back over your week, how have you done this? Where is a real place you could challenge yourself to do so in the week ahead?

** (Like how does it give us extra words or examples for what love can and should look like?)

Some alternate approaches...

Thinking over this last year, what kind of picture does your willingness to love paint? (who might folks think God loves? What does it appear he cares about?)

John's goal has been to encourage and assure these followers of their connection and relationship with Jesus, how have his words here done that?

Jesus had previously spoken of a similar idea connecting our heart-attitude & anger (Matthew 5:21-22). See any similarities? What is maybe the "heart" of the issue for Jesus? #Context

in other WORDS

Family Talk in the NT: Each member of the trinity calling us children - Father / 2 Cor. 6:18, Jesus / Hebrews 2:11, Spirit / Ro. 8:16)

Faith&Love/Deeds: James 2:14-18