Discuss: Think of when you have held hatred or bitterness towards someone, and how draining it was. Now contrast that with when you showed unconditional or undeserved love to someone, how much did it bless you? (Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 for more insight)

Read 1 John 3:11-24

1. What does this passage say about the message believers have heard from the beginning (v.11)?

Application: How are you showing love to others in your daily life? Are there specific people God is calling you to love more intentionally?

2. What contrast does John make between Cain and those who love their brothers (vs.12-15)?

Application: Are there any attitudes of jealousy, bitterness, or hatred in your heart that you need to confess and surrender to God?

3. How does John define love in verse 16, and what example does he use to illustrate it?

Application: In what ways can you sacrificially love someone this week? Is there a specific action you can take?

4. What challenge does John give in verses 17-18 regarding love in action?

Application: Are there practical needs around you that you can meet? How can your group work together to serve someone in need?

5. How does loving others give us confidence before God, according to verses 19-24?

Application: How does your love for others affect your relationship with God? What steps can you take to grow in obedience and love this week?

Group Challenge: As a group, identify one person or family in your community who could use encouragement or help. Make a plan to serve them together this week as a practical expression of love.