

International Bible Lesson

Class Preparation Guide for 1 John 3:11-17

Before your next class meeting, read the Bible verses above. Write your favorite verse or the most meaningful verse or the verse that leaves you with the most questions from your reading in the space below. Be ready to share your verse with your class. Then, write a brief answer to the questions below for class discussion.

Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further

1. From the beginning, what lesson did John teach the followers of Jesus? Does this lesson still apply to Christians today?

2. What two reasons did John give for Cain murdering his brother Abel? Can you think of one or more additional possible reasons or motivations?

3. What distinguished Abel from his brother Cain?

4. From these verses, how can a follower of Jesus Christ know that they have passed from death to life and have eternal life?

5. How did Jesus demonstrate His love and teach us what loves does?

Thinking Further for Extra Credit

1. Compare and discuss the meanings of 1 John 3:12, 1 John 2:29, 1 John 3:7.
2. Why do you think John warned those in the church to not be like Cain? In what ways might someone act like Cain in a church? What do you think motivates some people in the church to act like Cain? What are the results?
3. How might Jesus' followers especially teach new and young Christians the important truth that they must not be astonished that the world hates them? Why is this fact extremely important for Christians to remember today?
4. How do we know love? How should our knowledge of love influence our behavior? Can you give some examples from the Bible and from today of how some people who know the meaning of love behave?
5. What truths do you find in 1 John 3:17 and in 2 Thessalonians 3:10? How might you apply these truths when you see a brother or sister in your church in need? How might church leaders apply these truths?