

# GROUP GUIDE

## ONE OR THE OTHER – Week 5 “Relentless Love”

### GOAL

This week’s discussion will help us to understand that there can be no mixture of hate and love in the walk of a believer – you have to choose “One or the Other”,

### CONVERSATION STARTERS

- How was everyone’s week?
- Are there any praise reports/testimonies of what God is doing in your life?

### REVIEW

Ask GROUP members to share their favorite points from the sermon, what spoke to them, a phrase or moment from the sermon they related to the most, or questions they have.

**START by sharing YOUR favorite points/what spoke to you**

### SCRIPTURE AND MAIN POINTS

Have everyone open their bibles to 1 John 3 and have someone **Read 1 John 3:11-15.**

#### Point #1 was “Hatred Reveals the World”

- How does John contrast Cain killing Able to understanding what hate is?
- What marked Cain as belonging to the evil one? (He hated what was righteous)
- Love was absent of Cain because it is indicated by his hate/jealousy of righteousness – What does this reveal about the world? (**Read John 15:18-19**)
- Hate reveals that “the world” is opposition to God, therefore under Satan’s dominion – Cain did opposite of what God wants and give him his seconds, not his first – Does God deserve our seconds or our firsts offerings? Do you fall in to this trap?
- **Read Genesis 4:11-15 and Matthew 5:39** and talk about how we respond to hate, just as God did – what is the balance?

#### Point #2 was “Love Reveals the Church” **Read 1 John 3:16-19.**

- What does it mean to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters?
- Why is sacrifice so essential for loving others? Are there any areas you fail to sacrifice in?
- Talk about how the church should be revealed through sacrificial love.

**Read Luke 6:38** and talk about the return on our giving.

- talk about how God gives us back not just an equal amount, but a “pressed down, shaken together amount”
- what does this imply when the verse says “ the amount you’ve determines the amount you get back” ? (It is a life of surrender and giving and blessing) **Read 2 Corinthians 9:8.**

**Read 1 John 3:20-24** and talk about how to come before God with bold confidence and what God’s response is to bold confidence.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Ask for prayer requests and write them down – *as the group leader, pray for these requests during your week and make sure they are posted to the GROUP page on FB with who came to group.*

### END IN PRAYER