

GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS WEEK OF FEB 11, 2024

1 JOHN 2:7-14

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A NEW OLD COMMANDMENT

*Take a little time to review this week's sermon. Using your sermon notes and your Bible, answer the following questions before the group meeting.*

*Write out your answers so you'll feel more comfortable sharing them with the group. Have a great time!*

**I. Getting to Know You**

How did you experience God working in your life this week? How can we pray for you?

**II. Digging Deeper**

1. Can you deduce from verses 9-10 what the new commandment is?
2. How does our deepening understanding (verse 8) challenge these common misconceptions about love that 1. We must love our friends but can hate our enemies (Matthew 5:43-38); and 2. We must learn to love ourselves first (Matthew 22:39)?
3. Do you think Christians are capable of hating other Christians?

4. List and discuss 2 or 3 subtle types of hatred.

5. What is the believer's source of strength according to verse 14?

**III. Making it Personal**

6. Have you ever overcome strong negative emotions against anyone? How were you able to do it?
7. How can we prevent the inevitable challenges and setbacks of life from causing us to descend into hatred?
8. What stood out most to you this week?

**IV. Prayer**