

## Session #3 — April 21, 2024

**Title:** Love is the Message

**Theme:** Redeemed for Results

**Scripture:** 1 John 3:8-15 (NIV)

**Objective:** During this session, the learner should be able to illustrate how loving others is proof that we are God's children.

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**Outreach from Previous Week:** Luke 10:1-17 (NIV)

How can we know that we are children of God?

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**Training Text:** 1 John 3:8-15 (NIV)

*<sup>8</sup> The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. <sup>9</sup> No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God. <sup>10</sup> This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not God's child, nor is anyone who does not love their brother and sister.*

*<sup>11</sup> For this is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another. <sup>12</sup> Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother's were righteous. <sup>13</sup> Do not be surprised, my brothers and sisters, if the world hates you. <sup>14</sup> We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death.*

*<sup>15</sup> Anyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him.*

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**Scripture Discussion | 1 John 3:8-10**

**Children of God vs. Children of the Devil**

- Why can't the person who is born of God practice sin?
  - How are the children of God and children of the devil identified?
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**Scripture Discussion | 1 John 3:11-13**

**Love Others**

- Describe what loving others means to you.
  - About what should believers not be surprised? Why?
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**Scripture Discussion | 1 John 3:14-15**

**Check Your Love**

- How can a person know if they have "passed from death to life"?
  - What is the result of hating another person?
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**Discussion Questions:**

- How can we know that we are children of God?

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- What does it mean to love one's brother?

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- When do you struggle with loving other believers?

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*Next Week's Scripture: 1 John 3:16-18 (NIV)*

**Outreach:**

*Ask two people the following question: Why should we love others?*

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Report their responses to the group next week.