

Collateral Effects

1 John 2:1-11

PODS Small Group

Discussion Questions

Read 1 John 2:1-11.

1. Loving like Jesus is rarely easy. Where do we tend to find it hardest to love the way Jesus loves?
2. The Amish extended forgiveness to a killer's family and people encountered God because of it. Is there someone in your life right now that God may be calling you to love in a way that goes against your instincts? What is holding you back? If there isn't anyone right now, how about in the past or what if it happens in the future?
3. John's core challenge is that what we know about God must show up in how we live. Where is the biggest gap between what Christians believe and how they actually live day to day? What about in our own personal lives?
4. Gnosticism made it easy to be "spiritual" while behavior didn't matter. In what areas of our culture do we see affected by Gnostic thinking? How can this affect our faith and actions?
5. Christ fully satisfied God's wrath against sin; not partially, not in theory, but fully. How does truly grasping that your forgiveness is completely secured by Christ change the way you relate to God when you fail?
6. We are a collateral effect of Calvary and Christ's love in us is meant to reach further than we can see. Who in your life needs to feel the collateral effects of Christ's love through you this week and what is one step you will take?