

GROWTH GROUP SERMON CURRICULUM

Assured | November 17, 2019 | 1 John 2:7-14

"Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling" –1 John 2:10

FROM THE TEXT

- Read 1 John 2:7-14. Next read John 17:1-26. What similar themes, ideas or words can be seen in both passages? Is there anything new or interesting that is jumping out to you from reading these two passages anew?
- Read Romans 13:8-14. How does Paul's language of light and darkness compare or differ from John's writing?

FROM THE SERMON

- How has this sermon series helped you understand your assurance of salvation in Jesus? What has been made clear for you that wasn't before? What is still fuzzy to you?
- Pastor Chris mentioned "four D's" for why we struggle to love other Christians: Distance, Differences, Difficulties, and Damage. What is a situation from the past where one of these was true for you? What about presently? Is there anyone in your life now you are struggling with that connects back to one of these four?

FOR YOUR LIFE | APPLICATION | ACCOUNTABILITY

- What action steps need to take place in order to pursue health or reconciliation regarding the situation or persons you mentioned earlier? Encourage and help one another discern this. Everyone's "next step" will be unique to their situation and what God is leading them to do.
- How does dwelling on the gospel and being reminded of the gospel always prepare us for loving others the way God would have us to?

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for the situations mentioned above and that we would love others freely out of our remembrance of God's love for us in Jesus (the gospel).