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THE 1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD LETTERS OF JOHN

Keyword Study:

- The Greek word for "message" in 1 John 1:5 and 3:11 shares the same root as the Greek word for The

_____.

The Relationship Between the Gospel and the Church:

- Abiding within a Christian _____ is essential in the sharing of the Gospel.

John's Gospel Instructions to His Church:

- We, the church, should _____ one another.

What is the Role of the Church for John?

- To exist as a community of people being _____ by Jesus enough so that the world around them would come to Know Christ.

1 John 3:18:

- "Dear Children, let us not love with words or speech, but with _____ and in _____."*

One Thing:

- The same way that Christ _____, so must we (the Church).

Notes:



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1. When you think about acts of love extended towards you that resulted in a life-changing moment, which comes to mind?
2. What makes it difficult for people to receive help or admit their needs within a Christian community?
3. Where have you recently seen a church community bring encouragement, healing, or hope to someone?
4. **Read Genesis 4:1-12 and 1 John 3:11-16.** What contrast does John create between Cain and Christ?
5. According to verse 16, how does Jesus define love? How is this different from the way love is commonly understood in our culture?
6. **Read 1 John 3:19-24.** Why do you think John moves from loving one another to discussing confidence before God, condemned hearts, prayer, and the Holy Spirit?
7. What does it mean that "God is greater than our hearts"? How can that truth protect us from both complacency and shame?
8. **1 John 3:17** describes someone who sees another believer's need but closes their heart. What needs are easiest for the church to overlook or avoid?
9. *"Is someone receiving life through Christ's presence in my life?"* What would a life-giving presence look like in your home, church, workplace, or neighborhood?

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