

Welcome HOME

SERMON NOTES



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This Group is Caring

¹¹For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. ¹²We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. ¹³Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. ¹⁴We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. ¹⁵Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. ¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

1 John 3:11–18

True care can only be found and experienced through Jesus and His church.

HOW DO WE CARE LIKE THIS?

PROTECT OURSELVES (v. 11–12)

- From forgetting to love (v. 11)

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1 John 3:11

- From selfishness (v. 12)

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1 John 3:12

REMIND OURSELVES (v. 13–15)

- That God is the source of love (v. 13)

¹³Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you.
1 John 3:13

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.
1 John 4:7–8

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¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 6:12

- That we can only love because God has loved us (v. 14–15)

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1 John 3:14–15

¹⁹We love because he first loved us.

1 John 4:19

SACRIFICE OURSELVES (v. 16–18)

- Through the example and empowerment of Jesus (v. 16)

¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.

1 John 3:16

- Through meeting the needs of others (v. 17–18)

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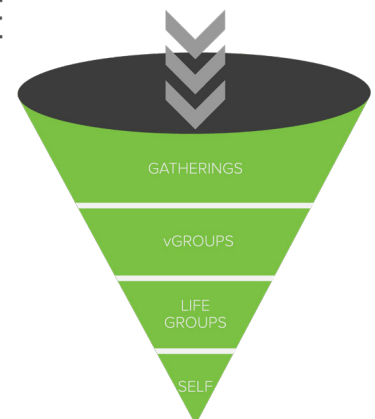
1 John 3:11–18

WHAT'S ONE KEY WAY THAT VINTAGE CHURCH PROVIDES TRUE CARE?

vGROUPS

- Transformation
 - Scripture and Prayer
- Connection
 - Relationships and Care
- Multiplication
 - Outreach and Sending

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NEXT STEPS

- Give your life to Jesus
- Join a vGroup