

The Generosity of the Son

1 John 3:10-18

Focus: we are to love the church as an expression of Christ's love for us that sets us apart from the world.



Discussion:

- Read 1 John 3:10-18 aloud. What do you think John's main point is?
- In v. 10, John divides people into two groups, children of God and of the devil. One of the main ways that these groups obviously differ is the way they love the brothers/the church. Why would that be the case?
- (v. 16) How is our grasp of Christ's generous love for us related to our love for one another? In light of that, how can we better fuel our love for others?
- In v.17, John challenges us not to close our hearts to a brother (or sister) in need. What tempts you to close your heart? What helps you overcome that?
- How can generosity to our capital campaign help us keep our hearts open and be generous to those in need? How does it motivate/fuel other generosity?
- Spend just a few minutes reviewing the JOF numbers below and praying for the needs of our church in this matter. Remind your group that we will collect our commitments for 2015 on 11/23 (next Sunday).

2015 JOF Stats

2014 Total Building Fund Pledges

\$177,000.00

2014 Building Fund Pledges Received

(As of September 30, 2014)

\$123,790.00 (\$9,325.00 Less than Pledged)

2014 Interest Paid

\$24,300.00

Principal Balance

\$744,000.00

Potential Mortgage Payoff in 2019