

## SHINE - 1 John 3:11-24

**Memory Verse: 1 John 3:16** - “We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters.”

### 1. Be a Lover not a Hater.

*Isaiah 54:2-3; 1 John 3:11-15; John 13:34-35; John 17: 20-21; James 3:13-16*

### 2. Be a Giver not a Taker.

*1 John 3:16-18; Genesis 12:1-3*

#### 7 ways we can choose to be givers instead of takers in life:

- 1. Our Target:** love the one in front of you with intentionality. Find a need and meet it.
- 2. Our Time:** JOY = Jesus, Others, You. *Eph. 5:15-16*
- 3. Our Travels:** Consider a missions trip for a family vacation.
- 4. Our Talent:** Serve God & others with the skills He’s given you.
- 5. Our Treasure:** Bless others with the resources He’s given you. *1 Timothy 6:17-19*
- 6. Our Testimony:** Share how God has worked in your life.
- 7. The Truth:** Be ready to share the gospel at any moment.

### 3. Be a Pray-er not a Doubter.

*1 John 3:19-24; Hebrews 4:15-16; Hebrews 10:19-23; Proverbs 28:1; James 5:16; 1 John 3:22,23; Galatians 5:6; 1 John 3:24*

“Prayer is the easiest and hardest of all things; it’s the simplest and the sublimest; the weakest and the most powerful; it’s results lie outside the range of human possibilities – they are limited only by the omnipotence of God.” - **E.M. Bounds**

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#### Next Week’s Reading Guide:

- 1 John 4:1
- 1 John 4:2
- 1 John 4:3
- 1 John 4:4
- 1 John 4:5
- 1 John 4:6
- 1 John 4:7-8

#### Discussion Questions:

1. Share about a time when it was hard to forgive someone or when you were jealous of another believer’s gifts or influence but God helped you love them anyway.
2. In what ways does God want you to receive & believe His love for you? How might that affect how you love those around you?
3. Of the 7 ways to be a giver not a taker which comes easiest and which is the most challenging for you?
4. What things kill your confidence before God in prayer?
5. What things do you long to receive in answer to prayer from God?