

Sermon Application Study

June 28, 2026

Target Passage → 1 John 3:16-18

1. How did you perceive Christians before you became one? Why?
2. Which is the greatest of the 3 Potential Errors in the Heart Exam? With which one must you remind yourself most often?
3. What is in your “box”? How do you respond to the challenge to give all of this over to Jesus?
4. What might it look like **practically** to love “in deed and in truth”? What has kept you from doing this?

Bridge Passages (for further study) → Matthew 6:19-24; Ephesians 5:1-14; Acts 2:36-47

For Me →

1. Based on the priorities and cares of my heart, by whom is my heart being moved? What fruit have I seen come from this source?
2. What are some of the priorities and cares of God’s heart? What would it take to have a heart aligned with God’s own desires?

For the Mission →

1. It is by the love expressed amongst the Body of Christ that we show the world we are His disciples (John 13:35); what is one practical way our church can move toward better demonstrating this to our community?
2. To whom would you show love if you weren’t afraid of losing your box?

PRAYER FOCUS

Invite God’s Spirit to bring you into alignment with His own thoughts, will, desires, and Kingdom. Ask Him to show you areas of your life which may still need to be surrendered to Him.