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NOTES

Scripture Refs

Gen. 1:26; 3:1–24; Matt. 25:31–33; John 3:16; 10:28–29; 13:34–35; 14:15;
Rom. 5:8; 1 Cor. 3:12–15; 15:58; Heb. 10:24–25; James 4:7; 1 Pet. 4:7–11;
1 John 2:12–14,28; 3:16; 2 John 1:8; Rev. 3:11

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Reflection & Discussion

1. (From last week) Consider verses 17 and 18 of 1 John 4:
 - a. Consider the call to *love becoming perfected in us*. What does it mean, and how do we achieve it?
 - b. What does John mean when he says “perfect love casts out fear”?
 - c. EXTRA CREDIT: Describe how some Christians might take verse 18 out of context.
2. Find, and discuss, Bible passages where you find God *initiating* love with others? (e.g. Jesus with the woman at the well).
 - a. How should this inspire Christians to love others?
 - b. What hinders believers from loving others unconditionally?
3. Explain John’s meaning of the word “liar” in verse 20. Why do you think he uses such a *harsh* descriptive?
4. Have an open discussion regarding the importance of *visible* love within the church. What should it look like? How do we ensure that it continues? ...etc.