

WALKING IT OUT

(Week 2)

things to think about ...

- This week, as you interact with friends and family, as you scroll through the Facebook feed, be mindful of anytime you “wish ill” upon anyone else. Take these feelings to God and practice 1 John 1:9.
- Consider 1 John 2:4. Is it possible you are claiming to “know God” or be a Christian but are not obeying His clear commands in some area? God’s Word is clear about the seriousness of this!
- Is there any way you “disguise” hate with your words? Do you find yourself compensating for ugly feelings using extra pretty words?

things to read about ...

- Read 1 John 2:1-14 each day this week.
- Look up the following verses about light and darkness: Proverbs 4:18-19 , John 8:12, John 11:9, John 12:35-36
- Read or listen to *The Strong Need Strength* by John Piper: <http://bit.ly/piperstrong>
- Read or listen to *The Word of God Abides In You* by John Piper: <http://bit.ly/piperwordabides>
- Listen to sermon 1 John 2:3-11 by Mark Driscoll: <http://bit.ly/MH1John2>
- Look up the following verses about love: Galatians 5:14, Romans 13:8-10, John 13:34-35, John 15:12, 1 John 4:8 ... and hate: 1 John 3:15
- For more information on CS Lewis’ description of the four loves: <http://bit.ly/lewislove>
- Read *Love Does* by Bob Goff (a fun, quick read—library carries it)
- Read Matthew 18:21-35

things to do ...

- Watch *The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe* movie and be reminded afresh of God’s Work on the cross, atoning for our sin, taking our place, raising victoriously over sin and death.
- If you have children, do the activity in the darkness, and talk to them about sin, hate, and darkness. Or, blindfold them and show how we stumble and fall when we walk with hatred in our hearts. Pray together that God would help you love those around you.
- Post Proverbs 26:24-25 on your bathroom mirror. Ask God daily to help you not “disguise hate” with your lips, but let Him change your heart instead.

Verse to memorize ... “Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling.” 1 John 2:10

Kids’ verse: “Whoever loves others walks in the light and will not fall.” 1 John 2:10