



“Dear Children, Love Thy Brother”

1 John 2:7-14

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CONSULT THE SCRIPTURES

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DISCUSS

1. Read 1 John 2:7, 8. What does John mean when he says that he is writing both an old and a new commandment?

2. What did Jesus teach concerning love for one another and how was it demonstrated in His own life while on earth?

3. Why is forgiveness so difficult? How does the cross of Christ help us in forgiving one another?

4. Pastor Steve drove nails into a piece of wood to illustrate the wounds inflicted upon us by others. He talked about the need to forgive (i.e. to remove the nails). Describe what it feels like to leave the nails in the wood. How does harboring bitterness toward someone affect our lives as a whole?

5. Discuss the significance of the nails in Jesus' hands with regard to the forgiveness of others. How does the Gospel help us to forgive?

6. Are you struggling to forgive? Are you harboring any bitterness? Spend some time praying for one another concerning the call to forgive.

7. What immediate applications can be made in light of this text?

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