**Support Notes from Donnie for 1 John 2:3-11**

**Central Passage**

3We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. 4Whoever says, “I know him,” but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. 5But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: 6Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

7Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. 8Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and in you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.

9Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. 10Anyone who loves their brother and sisterlives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. 11But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.

1 John 2:3-11

**Suggestion**

**(potential no brainer)**

Seek to focus upon topics not already covered especially in last Sunday’s study.

* + Obeying is loving God
  + Living like Jesus is our destiny
  + New commandment
  + Hate

**Golden IMAGE Living Opportunity**

Yes! Please do not miss this golden opportunity to highlight and expound on verse 6:

“Whoever claims to live in Him must live as Jesus did.”

Take this opportunity to lead your members to look at the IMAGE poster/contents.

**Note** – since some of the teachings in this passage are quite similar to last Sunday’s study, you may have time to lead a discussion briefly reviewing IMAGE and then asking folks to share testimonies of success or discouragement about living, being conformed to Jesus’ image. In fact, at our March meeting, I will be discussing with you the idea of 1st Sunday IMAGE Check In’s! Leading your members the first Sunday of each month to share stories of success in IMAGE living. Doing this today provides good practice for the future.

Things to say…

* Our church’s mission is summed up in the phrase, In His IMAGE for His MISSION!
* Our church’s capacity to accomplish this mission depends on how well all of us individually are living out this mission.
* This is a solid comprehensive portrait of a disciple of Jesus Christ.
* Ask members to read through the 10 IMAGE behaviors and then ask for a few volunteers to share success stories of living these commands.
  + I have chosen to get a good night’s rest before Sunday now so I can give God my best.
  + In one of my times of prayer this week, God reminded me that He is in control.
  + I started serving on the host team!
  + It wasn’t easy but I opened up and shared something with a friend that I had been holding inside for years.
  + I prayed with my spouse this week.
  + I asked a non-Christian co- worker of mine to lunch. It went quite well.

Reinforce that we ask for these stories to encourage not inflate our fragile egos or come across self-righteously. Stories inspire!

**Possible Methods**

* **When desiring to *motivate* people, utilize proven motivational methods** 
  + **Communicate inspiring stories**
  + **Show clearly the specific value of learning this subject**
  + **Lead them to pray and connect with God’s Word as a source of motivation**
* **When leading people to effectively *gain knowledge*, choose to use proven knowledge methods** 
  + **Provide learning from *passionate, experts***
  + **Show *examples* of teachings applied**
  + **Integrate learning utilizing multiple human senses**
  + **Lead students to learn by repetition and asking them to restate the learnings in their own words**
  + **Self- study exercise**
  + **Utilize creativity – visual aids, role play, interview, video clips, debate**
  + **Allow them to experience the pain of staying the same**
  + **Lead them to renew their minds with the Word of God**
  + **Conviction of the Holy Spirit leading to Godly sorrow**

**Live Testimony**

**Live audience interview**

**Street interview**

**Video Testimony**

**Stage prop**

**Movie Clip**

**Special guest interview**

**Participation methods**

* **Experience the Word**
* **Talk to your neighbor**
* **Verbal survey of the congregation**
* **Pen and paper exercise**
* **True/false test**
* **Scripture reading**
* **Panel Discussion**
* **Agree/disagree**
* **Debate**
* **Word association exercise**

**Visual Aids/Object lessons**

**Storytelling**

**Message assignments**

**Table Talk instructions**