

# OHANA STUDY GUIDE

September 6-12, 2009

Sermon: "Becoming The Church Christ Wants Us To Be"

2 John 1-13

1. Read v.1-3. These verses are only the salutation (words of greeting) in John's letter, but they teach us some important things. One word is repeated in each of the three verses. What is it?
  - a. John says that he loves this chosen lady (probably referring to a church) "in the truth". Explain what you think he means by this.
2. What are the consequences if the love we express with one another is not guided by God's truth?
  - a. What three blessings does God give to us when we walk in "truth" and in "love" according to v.3?
3. Read v.4-6. John urges Christians to "love one another" (v.5). What will happen in a church that has everything to offer except love according to 1 Corinthians 13:1-3?
  - a. How can we at Island Family make certain that "loving one another" remains the top priority in all we do?
4. According to v.6 what is the surest sign that we love God?
  - a. What does 1 John 5:3 promise us if we are willing to love God by obeying Him?

- b. If you find yourself disobeying God in one specific area of your life again and again, what should you do in order to break this cycle and return to "walking in love"?
  
- 5. Read v.7-9. How does John define a "deceiver" in v.7?
  - a. How does he define "antichrist" in v.8?
  
  - b. What can we do in order to avoid being influenced by such people and led astray from the truth?
  
- 6. Read v.10-13. Is it possible for someone to have a genuine relationship with God the Father without having a relationship with God the Son?
  - a. What does it mean to "run ahead" of Christ (v.9)?
  
  - b. If we are to "continue" in the teaching of Christ, what place should the Bible have in our daily lives?
  
- 7. How are we to treat someone who comes teaching another way to God besides Jesus Christ?
  - a. Should we be kind to someone such as this?
  
  - b. Should we be unkind?
  
  - c. Won't the world accuse us of being intolerant if we take the position these verses instruct us to take?
  
  - d. How should we respond to the world's criticism?