

“Love/Hate Relationships”
John 15:12-27
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1. Read John 15:12-17. Discuss the relationship between obedience to Jesus Christ and one's love for Him; for others.
2. How has Jesus' relationship with His disciples developed or changed over the course of time that Jesus spent with them?
3. Jesus chose us, not vice versa. What appointment does Jesus have for each of His disciples? What does this "fruit" look like in every day life?
4. Read John 15:18-25. In this section, Jesus introduces a contrasting relationship to that of Jesus and His disciples and with each other. As the 1st emphasized love, this relationship emphasizes hate. Discuss/study the relationship between the world and the believer. How is the believer today supposed to respond to the world in light of its hatred toward Christ and His followers?
5. Today's situation in the Middle East is more volatile than at any other time in history. Regardless of how you feel about the United States involvement in Iraq/Afghanistan, what should be the Christian's response in daily life?
6. Who are to be Christ's witnesses on earth after His ascension to the Father? How is this to be carried out for the believer?