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W H O A R E W E N O W ?

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Read 1 John 2:9-11

John paints his pictures in stark contrast. What are some of the opposites he uses? Does that feel overly simplified? What might be a benefit of such cut and dry categories?

John's word for hate in verse 9 can be translated "to esteem less." How does that change the way you hear this passage? What are some reasons you might esteem someone less?

Christ made a point of reaching out to those the world esteems as less. What are some examples of him doing that? Which one speaks to you the most and why?

Read Isaiah 58. What are some practical ways we can take stumbling blocks out of each other's way and reveal more of Christ through our actions?

John reduces his call to love to the very particular, personal relationships of a brother or sister. Who is one person you'd like to love better? Pray for that person.