

What are you thankful or grateful for from this past week?

Read 1 John 3:11-20. (*Try to read it multiple times.*)

What stands out to you from these verses?

What are you stressed or worried about in the future?

What do these verses teach us about God and Jesus?

What was one thing you learned from the sermon this week?

What do these verses teach us about ourselves and other people?

What is one act of kindness you can show to someone this week?

How will you respond to what you have learned from the sermon or these verses that you can put into practice this week?

1

Share about a time when you sacrificed something important to you. What did you give up? How did you feel at the time? Why did you make that sacrifice?

Why does life often involve sacrifice and giving up things that are important to us? What do we gain when we make those kinds of sacrifices?

2

When we read 1 John 3:16, we see that Jesus sacrificed His life on the cross in order to teach us about the true nature of love.

Why did Jesus have to lay down His life in order to teach us about love? Why didn't He show us in a different way?

3

How can a life of sacrifice actually lead us to more joy than a life of keeping things to ourselves? How can we find a life of freedom by giving away things that become too important to us?

What are some ways we can sacrifice what we have in order to serve the poor in our community and in our world? How can blessing others lead to a life of spiritual blessing?

How can consistent prayer to God help us build a healthy life of sacrifice?