

Olympic Spirit.



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LifeConnect Group Discussion Questions for "Olympic Love"

1 John 3.11-20
February 14, 2010

To Start...

- Who was the first 'true love' you had growing up?
- Did you have an experience whereby you felt excluded during a valentine exchange when you were young? What did it feel like?
- Is there some activity for which you have a passion? Share it with the group, and why you are so excited about it.

Going Deeper...

- From your reading of 1 John 3.11-20, what do you think the followers of Jesus in the first century were encountering from people who didn't follow Jesus? What were they encountering from each other?
- What is John really trying to tell us in this passage?
- Read Genesis 4.1-9. Why does John use the story of Cain and Abel in his letter?
- Where do you see "Cain-like" attitudes in yourself?

- How does John define love (vv. 16-18)? How does this differ from the world's definitions of love today?
- Read beyond, to verse 24. Throughout this passage, what are we assured of through loving others?
- How are answered prayers and obedience connected?

Next Steps...

- How will you consciously practise Jesus-like love in a "one another" way this week? With your family? A friend? At church? In the community? Over social issues? With a difficult person? With someone in need?
- How will doing this affect your own need for love?
- Will obedience affect what we pray for? How has this been true for you?
- How can you let God's love flow through you in the life of the church so that others will experience God's love, too?