

20 Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.

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trouble and people actually even try to avoid them.

We said that not only do people not care about what they're saying, it also hurts the general perception of Christians and of Jesus' message of salvation. We discussed a few other things that hurt people's perception of Christians and listed what some of those negative perceptions are.

We agreed that these negative perceptions that people have of Christians is not caused by our belief or even the message but by our actions as Christians.

We said that people like the Bullhorn Guy seem very knowledgeable about scripture. They seem to honestly believe that they are doing what Jesus has told us all to do and they seem to be very passionate about it. But, would Jesus agree with what they are doing?

We compared them to some similar people we've read about in the Bible, the Pharisees. We looked at Jesus having it out with the Pharisees in **Matthew 23**. Just like today's "modern day Pharisees" (The Bullhorn Guy) they were more concerned with outward appearances of being righteous while teaching God's Law but they did not Love God and they actually drove people away from God.

We decided that Jesus would have just as big an issue with today's "Pharisees" as He did in His time. They teach God's Law but do not love God because they do not show love for all people and instead drive them away from God.

We looked in **1 John 4:20** to see, as Rob said in the video, that if we do not have love for each other, everyone, we cannot have love for God who loves everyone regardless of who they are, what they believe, or what they have done.

We said that the world is just as messed up today and it's just as much a challenge to share Jesus' message as it was when Jesus Himself was sharing it.

So, we decided that the best way to share the Good News of the Gospel with the world is to look to Jesus as our example. Not so much by what He was saying but more by how He acted.

Jesus didn't threaten or judge people or yell and condemn them for their sinful ways. He simply loved them, all of them, and He showed His love by His actions and by how He lived.

We pointed out that while Jesus did love everyone that doesn't mean that He agreed with their sinful ways, or participated or even accepted their sin as being good.

We should never participate in or accept others' sin as being good but by loving them and showing them God's love by our own behavior and by being an example of Jesus with the lives we live, people are more likely to see all the positive aspects of following Jesus rather than accepting negative perceptions.

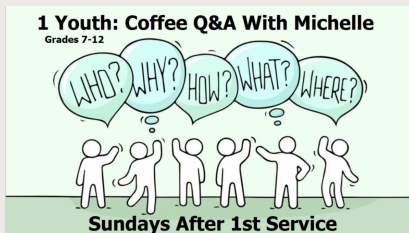
They will be more likely to actually listen and to hear God's Word when it is spoken with love at the center.

God IS love and when we love others we love God.

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