

Sermon Discussion Guide - 11.7.21 - Everyday Heroes, Part 1: The Global Strategy

Scripture: *Leader's Note: Below are some of the scriptures Pastor Jon used in this week's sermon. Consider sharing this list of scripture with your group in a follow-up email after your group meets as a recommendation for further study throughout the rest of the week. Attached is a simplified version of the discussion questions with the Scripture list that can be copy/pasted into an email.*

Main Scripture:

- 1 John 2:7-10

Supporting Scripture:

- John 13:34
- 1 John 4:8
- Matthew 22:37-40
- Proverbs 10:12
- 1 Peter 4:8
- John 13:34-35

Discussion Questions:

Leader's Note: If your time is limited, or your discussions run long, focus on the two check-marked bullet points, and within them, the bolded questions. In addition to the check-marked bullet points, as time allows, use only the remaining questions that fit your group dynamic best.

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- What action is God calling you to take this week? How can your group be praying for you?

Closing Prayer:

- Ask God to show you what further action he his calling you to right now, and for the strength and courage to respond to his call.

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