

STUDY GUIDE: “What God Hates”

Discussion Starters

1. Is it ever okay to hate someone or something? Give examples.
2. If God is all-loving, can He really hate something or someone?

Study

This study guide is designed to follow up the sermon “What God Hates” at NOCC on 8/5/18. If you weren’t in worship at NOCC that Sunday, listen to the sermon on nocc.org or the NOCC app.

3. Read the following passages and note what the Bible says about hate.

Leviticus 19:17

1 John 4:20

Proverbs 10:12

1 John 3:15

4. EXTRA CREDIT: Using a Topical Bible, survey passages about hate from scripture. Please explain and give scriptural citations.

To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Dictionary. Remember, the words listed below are from the NASU, but the word you are trying to define is the Greek or Hebrew word translated by the NASU—NOT the English word. If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

5. Define the following words or terms. Note for each of them how understanding the meaning and background of that word better helped you understand this passage, and why you think this word was chosen.

--“abomination” (Proverbs 6:16)

--“haughty” (Proverbs 6:17)

--“heart” (Proverbs 6:18)

--“devises” (Proverbs 6:18)

--“strife” (Proverbs 6:19)

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6. Read Proverbs 6:16-19 and notice the Proverbs writers use of body parts to exemplify certain sins. What does this say about the body and sin?

7. What significance does the *heart* in Proverbs 6:18 have in the list of abominations that God hates? Read Matthew 15:18-20 for further context.

8. In one word, what does God really hate?

Taking It Home

9. Which of these “abominations” do you struggle with the most? What will you do to work on this?

10. If God hates these things, should we?