



Week 1: Truth and Reassurance to the Believers

1 John: Chapters 1 and 2

Guiding Questions:

1. What does John mean when he says, “That which was from the beginning”? 1:1
2. Why did John feel it was necessary to talk about being an eyewitness of the Incarnation? 1:3-4
3. Can you walk in darkness and still continue serving God and Explain? 1:5-6,7
4. Why was it important for John to speak to the believers about the necessity of fellowship?
5. Discuss the importance of walking in the light and our relationship with God.
6. How does John comfort those who have sinned?
7. John speaks of tests to know we are walking with God; name a few and discuss. (The this is how we know)
8. Why was John so concerned about the infiltration of false leaders and teachers? 2:24
9. Talk about John’s message on: “Do not love the world or anything in it.” 2:15

Week 2: Once We Understand We Are Royalty

1 John 3

Guiding Questions:

1. Do you really understand who your Daddy is and who we are to him? Explain.
2. Does it matter how many times you sin, even many times? Are we still God’s Child? Explain.
3. Why does John say if you do not love your brother you are not a child of God? 3:10
4. Explain what John means when he says love with action and truth, not words and speech.
5. Does our obedience to God’s commands affect our confidence in our prayer?
6. Why should our hearts condemn us? 3:19-20

WEEKLY HOMEWORK

1. READ TEXT FOR THE WEEK
2. USE A STUDY APPROACH TO RE-READ TEXT FOR PERSONAL AND BIBLICAL CONNECTIONS
 - A. CONSIDER 3 INSIGHTS, 2 SIGNIFICANT VERSES, AND ONE KEY WORD FOR DISCUSSION
 - B. USE BIBLICAL COMMENTARIES ON TEXT TO GIVE CONTEXT OR BACKGROUND
 - C. REVIEW VARIED TRANSLATIONS TO COMPARE MEANINGS
3. CONNECT LESSONS TO SERMONS FROM PAST DECADES AND LAST SEVERAL MONTHS

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Week 3: John's letter Emphasizes the Greatest of All Is Love

1 John 4

Guiding Questions:

1. John tells the believers they can recognize the Spirit of God. What standards or tests were to be used?
2. What do we as Christians do that sometimes contributes to false teachings?
3. How does God's birth and death help us understand God's love? 4:9-10
4. How and why do we find it difficult to love sometimes?
5. What are practical ways you can show love and elaborate on them?
6. What evidence is there that we are in God and God is in us? 4:16
7. Do we base love on feelings or the effects of love?
8. How does God's love motivate us to love others? 4:11-12

Week 4: John Talks about Assurances of Life with Christ

1 John 5

Guiding Questions

1. Do you find that God's commands sometimes weigh you down? Elaborate. 5:3
2. John says all sin does not lead to death but all wrongdoing is sin? Discuss. 5:16-17
3. According to John, what person has no life: one who hates his brother, one who does not have love, one who is short tempered or one who persecutes servants of God? Comment and elaborate.
4. What does John say are the three things that bear witness of Christ on earth? 5:6-9
6. Are your prayers aligned with God's will? 5:13-16 (Start praying with confidence!)