

POINT: KEEP the FAITH

How did God speak to you through Sunday's message?

1. Read 1 John 5:1-12. If asked, What is a Christian, how would you answer? What might we include in our definition based this passage?

2. What does v1-3 tell us about the relationship between loving God and loving others? Why does John equate love with obedience?

Why do people need to be told that God's commands are not heavy? What encouragement might we share from our own experience to explain John's assertion? Compare Matthew 23:4 with Matt 11:30. See also Galatians 5:1.

3. Read 1 John 5:4-5. In what way do we conquer the world?

What's the difference between faith and faith in Jesus Christ? Describe some examples of faith that people put in the world?

4. Read 1 John 5:6-8. What is the importance of the three witnesses and their agreement? See also Deuteronomy 19:15; see also Matthew 18:16; 1 Corinthians 13:1; 1 Timothy 5:19.

5. Read 1 John 5:9-12. What does it mean that the one who believes in Christ has the testimony within oneself? How is God's testimony greater?

How do we arrive at certainty of eternal life according to v11-12 and in our own personal experience?