

### SUNDAY RECAP

We are in week 2 of our series, **Resurrection Living**, going through the letters of John (1, 2, and 3 John), a rich yet practical part of Scripture that helps us navigate resurrection living in relationships. Before you begin, pause together and invite the Holy Spirit to guide your conversation.

**OPTIONAL ICEBREAKER:** When you hear the word “obedience,” what’s your first reaction or association?

**READ THE PASSAGE TOGETHER:** 1 John 2:3-11

### DISCUSSION GUIDE

*Don't feel pressure to get through every question! Follow where the Spirit leads and spend your time on the questions that spark meaningful discussion.*

1. Obeying or disobeying God's commandments would appear to be an external matter (what we do or refrain from doing). How does John explain obedience as a matter of the heart? (vv. 3-6)?
2. Why does obedience to God give us assurance that we know Him?
3. Our obedience is the result of loving God, *not* a way to earn His love. Why does that distinction matter? How does it impact the way you think about obedience in your daily life?
4. From the context of vv. 7-8, what is the “old command” John is talking about? There is similarity and continuity between the old and new command, but in what way is the new command actually new?
5. Given John's warnings about hating a fellow believer, how should we respond instead when we find ourselves in deep disagreement with people in our fellowship or the church broadly?
6. John connects abiding in Christ with becoming more like Him. What are some practical ways you can “abide” in Jesus this week, and how do you think that would shape your actions and relationships?
7. John says that loving others not only keeps us in the light but also prevents others from stumbling. How have you seen either love or lack of love impact a community? What role can you play in cultivating a “light-filled” community?

*(Some Questions sourced from N.T. Wright's Bible Study Guide for 1, 2 & 3 John)*

**GROUP PRAYER TIME:** Share requests and pray for one another. Consider suggestions below for specific things to pray for based on this passage:

- **Heart alignment:** Ask God to grow a genuine love for Him that naturally leads to obedience.
- **Transformation:** Pray for the Holy Spirit to form Christlike character and maturity.
- **Relationships:** Lift up specific people where love feels difficult and ask for grace, humility, and courage.
- **Abiding:** Ask God to deepen your awareness of His presence and help you remain connected to Jesus daily.

### MORE WAYS TO ENGAGE

**Fair Oaks Church Sermon Podcast** (Apple Podcasts & Spotify) to listen to just the message. Check out **Cutting Room Floor** episodes that further unpack sermons and stories of transformation.



## UPCOMING EVENTS [Learn more at fair Oaks.church/events](https://fair Oaks.church/events)

- **4/24: Young Adult Bonfire Night** | 7p | Robertson Home
- **4/25: Missions Dinner & Auction Fundraiser** | Tickets available online (in person starting 4/12)
- **5/7: WFO Women's Brunch** | 9:30-11:30a | Speaker: Rachele from City of Refuge
- **5/8: Food Distribution at FO/OV Food Bank** | 9a-12:30p | Sign up to serve
- **6/15-6/19: Summer Blast Kids Camp** | 9a-12p | Registration is open for campers and volunteers at [fair Oaks.church/kids](https://fair Oaks.church/kids)



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