

SUNDAY RECAP

We are in week 6 of our series, **Resurrection Living**, going through the letters of John (1, 2, and 3 John). **This week we focused on 2 John.** Before you begin, pause together and invite the Holy Spirit to guide your conversation.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Don't feel pressured to get through every question! Follow where the Spirit leads and spend your time on the questions that spark meaningful discussion. (Questions sourced from John Stott's Bible Study Guide for the Letters of John).

OPTIONAL ICEBREAKER: In your dealings with others, would you say that you emphasize love or truth? How do you think others would answer that question about you?

READ THE PASSAGE TOGETHER: 2 John

CONTEXT: *The writer identifies himself as "the elder" - it is evident that he was known to his readers. His letter is addressed to "the lady chosen by God and to her children." This phrase is most likely a personification of some local church and that church's individual members.*

1. **Verses 1-4:** What can we glean about the importance of "the truth"?
2. **Verses 4-6:** Why is there such a strong connection between love and obedience? What happens when truth is allowed to outweigh love? What happens when love is allowed to outweigh truth?
3. **Verses 7-9:** What dangers do the "many deceivers" post for believers? "Watch out" is a strong caution. What does John warn his readers to be especially vigilant of?
4. **Verses 10-11:** This command seems harsh. Why would John tell Christians not to be hospitable to people who bring false teaching?
5. **Verses 12-13:** What do the final verses reveal about John's relationship with this group of believers?
6. Share anything else from 2 John or the message that resonated with you.

"The great truth which is unveiled in the gospel of Jesus is that the powerful, redeeming love of God is the motor that drives the cosmos, and that those who are discovering the truth, or rather being discovered by it, must learn to let that love flow through them to their fellow Christians and to the world around. This is the commandment above all others, emphasized by Jesus himself and by one early Christian writer after another. Love is what matters. Love is not the optional extra to be added when everything else is sorted out. It is the thing that goes on round and round, like blood circulating in a healthy living body, or to and fro, like good strong breathing."

N.T. Wright, The Letters of John - Bible Study Guide)

GROUP PRAYER TIME: Share requests and pray for one another. Use the prayer prompts below to guide your prayer time as a group (or individually this week):

- Pray that our Christian community will continue to walk in the truth and love.
- Pray for discernment to detect false teachings about Jesus, no matter how attractive.
- Pray for people who are spiritually deceived, that they would see and submit to the truth in Christ (and that we too would be open to correction)



MORE WAYS TO ENGAGE

Fair Oaks Church Sermon Podcast (Apple Podcasts & Spotify): Listen to weekly sermons (Sunday message posted by Tuesdays)

Cutting Room Floor Episodes - Break for the summer, will return in the fall!

UPCOMING EVENTS [Learn more at fairoaks.church/events](https://fairoaks.church/events)

- **5/20: Marie Tuttle's Birthday Potluck** | 12:30p | Bring dish to share | AMC
- **5/24: Missionary Meet Up: Meyers from Mozambique** | 12p | Lunch | FLC
- **5/30: Men's Worship Night** | 7pm | Upper Youth Lawn | Dessert/Snacks Provided
- **6/14: Summer Blast Volunteer Training** | 12p | AMC
- **6/15-6/19: Summer Blast Kids Camp** | 9a-12p | Registration is open for campers and volunteers at fairoaks.church/kids (Closes after June 7)



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