



DIGGING DEEPER

Week 7 | 1 John 5



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RECAP

This week we concluded our series looking at the letters of John. Throughout this series we saw how Jesus transformed a disciple that was filled with anger and wrath into the disciple of love. The message this weekend focused particularly on 1 John 5.

ICEBREAKER QUESTION: Who are some older mentor figures who have helped shape or coach you in your formative years?

DISCUSS

KEY PASSAGE: 1 John 5:1-15 | **MEMORY VERSE:** 1 John 5:2

1. Read 1 John 1:1-5. What does it mean to you to be a child of God? How does John teach us to know (i.e. have confidence) in being children of God?
2. What does it mean for you to "Believe" in Jesus? How does John show us the relationship between Jesus and eternal life? How does this understanding help you think about your relationship with Jesus as more than going to heaven someday?
3. John was transformed by Jesus. How might you see that change in John? How has Jesus transformed you, even in some small way, from who you were before to who you are now?
4. John was a disciple of Jesus who became a spiritual father to many including us. Do you have any spiritual friends, fellow disciples walking alongside of you as you follow Jesus? Who is following behind you in their life and walk with Christ that might become a spiritual child to you that you can invest yourself in and help to love God, his word, and follow Jesus?
5. John closes his letter 1 John in 5:21 saying "Dear children, keep yourselves from idols." What do you think he means by this? What are some idols that we struggle with today?

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves his child as well. ²This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. ³In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, ⁴for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. **1 John 5:1-5**

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

This holiday season there are lots of serving and giving opportunities for you and your group to serve our community. While our groups take a break from Thanksgiving - December, we encourage you to find a way to continue connecting by serving together in one of the following ways: participating in our Toy Drive to help provide local kids with a Christmas gift this year, serving at Christmas Kickoff on December 5th and/or at our Christmas Eve services, and volunteering to help us host the homeless at Winter Guest House the week of December 26 - January 2nd. You can learn more about all of these service opportunities and sign up to help at fairoaks.church/missions or contact us at info@fairoaks.church.



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