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First Epistle of John

Welcome!

There is nothing more powerful than interacting with the Word of God. The Bible is given to us so we can know who God is and what He requires of us. It teaches us how to worship a holy God and instructs us in our daily lives. It is our desire to help you understand and grow in your knowledge of God and your understanding of Scripture.

We are thrilled to have you join us as we journey verse by verse through the book of First John. John, the author, writes with both a sense of urgency and love for those who know Christ. He is concerned that we would understand truth, stand firm in the deity of Christ, and be fully assured of our salvation. He challenges us to not only know God, but to also keep His commands, flee from darkness, and walk in the Light. Doing so is only possible as we ABIDE in Him.

We are praying that God would use this study in your life as you seek to know and obey Him more each day. We look forward to studying with you!

Prayer

The time we spend in prayer is a critical part of our walk with God.

Throughout this study you will notice that we always provide the opportunity to begin with prayer.

This helps us focus on the Lord and prepares our hearts to receive all that He has for us.

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INTRODUCTION

" THE WORD OF LIFE"

DAY 1

1. Begin your study time with prayer.
2. Read 1 John 1:1-4. What details does verse one give about the "Word of Life?" Who do you believe this verse describes?
3. In verse two what was manifested?
- 4 Using a dictionary, define the word "manifested" below:
5. What is the reason John proclaims these things to us in verse three? Who ultimately, would John like his readers to have fellowship with?
6. According to verse four, what is the reason John has written this letter? What do you think he means by this verse?
7. Write out this week's memory verse on a notecard or a piece of paper and post it somewhere you will see it often (e.g bathroom mirror, car, desk, kitchen sink, etc.).

Scripture Memory:

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being."

~John 1:1-3

I'm praying about:

DAY 2

1. Begin your study time with prayer and read 1 John 1:1-4.
2. Other passages of Scripture give us additional insight about who "The Word" is and what He is like. Read the Gospel of John 1:1-4. What do these verses tell us about The Word?
3. Colossians 1:15-20 gives us a beautiful description of Jesus as The Word. List the many characteristics these verses describe:
4. Scripture contains yet another description of The Word in Revelation 19:11-16. What descriptions are given about what Christ will look like when He comes again and what He will do?
5. Write out this week's memory verse below:

DAY 3

1. Begin your study time with prayer and read 1 John 1:1-4.
 2. What does John 1:14 say The Word did?
 3. The Bible tells us when the Word would "become flesh." According to Galatians 4:4, when was that?
 4. In Micah 5:2 where was Christ prophesied to be born and to whom in Isaiah 7:14?
 5. Jesus Christ, in an incredible act of love and humility, entered the world by placing Himself in the womb of a virgin. Read Philippians 2:5-8. In order to be fully human, what does verse seven say needed to happen?
 6. The self-emptying does not mean that Jesus ceased to be God. Rather, this means He temporarily and voluntarily laid aside the full exercise of His divine attributes. What do John 17:5 and 2 Corinthians 8:9 indicate are some of the things He gave up?
 7. Write out this week's memory verse below:
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DAY 4

1. Begin your study time with prayer and read 1 John 1:1-4.
2. According to Romans 3:23, how many of us are sinners and who does Romans 5:12 and 1 Corinthians 15:21-22 say is initially responsible for all of humanity being born into sin?
3. What is the consequence of our sin as stated in Romans 6:23 and what does Hebrews 9:22 say is the price of our forgiveness?
4. What was the extent of Jesus' obedience in Philippians 2:8?
5. What, according to Romans 8:3-4 and Hebrews 2:14 & 17 was the purpose for which God sent His Son in the flesh?
6. In what state were we in when Christ died for us according to Romans 5:6? How does knowing this impact your sense of gratitude and worship for God?
7. Write out this week's memory verse below:

DAY 5

1. Begin your study time with prayer and read 1 John 1:1-4.
 2. What does the Gospel of John 1:1 very specifically tell us "The Word" was?
 3. The Bible is careful to clear up any misunderstandings we may have about the deity of Christ. Jesus is not the creation of God, rather He is God. Though "The Word" was made flesh, Jesus did not cease to be God. In a mystery we cannot fully understand He was both fully God and fully man at the same time. What additional insight does Colossians 1:15-19 give us about Christ?
 4. Who does Genesis 1:1 say created the heavens and the earth?
 5. Using Genesis 1:1 and Colossians 1:15-19 in tandem it is clear that Scripture is declaring Jesus as God, the very God who created the world. In Genesis 1:26 what does God intend to do?
 6. In the verse above notice the pronouns are plural. God says, "Let us make man in our image..." This is one of many places in the Bible where we see evidence of the Trinity (one God expressed in three persons: The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit). How does Jesus' declaration in John 10:30 support the doctrine that there is one God and not three individual Gods?
 7. Write out this week's memory verse below:
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