

WALKING

A STUDY OF 1 JOHN

Community Group Discussion: 08.11 - 09.08

SERIES OVERVIEW

1 John talks a great deal about love and our “walk” with Jesus. When we walk in love, we are walking in His steps. And whether you’ve been walking with Jesus for years, or just taking your first steps, John wants to make it clear to Christians that if they are going to walk as Jesus walked, it will only be by the power of the Spirit.

MAIN TEXT

1 John 2:3-29

GETTING STARTED

If you have food in your teeth, do you want to be told?

If someone else has food in their teeth, do you tell them or let it go?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read 1 John 2:4. What is your first reaction to this verse? It might not seem like a nice thing to say, but how can something so blunt actually be a loving thing for John to say?
2. How has knowing God changed your heart and life? How have you and others noticed the difference? How has your love for others changed since you first placed your faith in Jesus?
3. Read 1 John 2:15-17. John describes love for the world as “the craving for physical pleasure, craving everything our eyes see and pride of life.” Pleasure, possessions, and pride. Which of these is a bigger temptation for you? Why do you think these are such a struggle?
4. Read 1 John 2:24-27. What do you learn about false teachers in this passage? Why is it important to regularly ask the Holy Spirit to teach you?

5. Stockholm Syndrome is a condition where people taken hostage start to develop a bond with the ones responsible for taking them hostage. Many of us have been taken hostage by the things of this world. What things do you need to let go of and allow Jesus to set you free?

NEXT STEPS

There are two paths in our lives, and we're all walking on one of them. One is well traveled, it's broad, it's easier. But it leads to death. The other path is the narrow path, the way of Jesus, it's not an easy walk, but it leads to real joy and eternal life.

Take time to make an honest evaluation of your life. Which path are you walking? Do you need to change your direction?

PRAY

Pray for each member in your group. None of us are perfect, and no one stays on the path of Jesus by themselves. We need the help of other believers.

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