

# **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 5:1-21, Matthew 11:28-30 (MSG)

## **GETTING STARTED**

If you were on trial, and needed three character witnesses, who would you choose?

## **DIGGING DEEPER**

1. When it comes to your faith in Jesus and your salvation, what worries, doubts, or fears do you struggle with? Has studying 1 John given you any assurance?
2. Read 1 John 5:3. Do you find God’s commandments burdensome? Why or why not? (Read Matthew 11:28-30 MSG.)
3. Read 1 John 5:6-12. John points to the water of Jesus baptism, the blood of the crucifixion, the Holy Spirit, and the testimony of God the Father as proof that Jesus is the son of God. Why do you believe Jesus is who he says he is?
4. We said, “trusting in Jesus is like sitting in a chair, there are only two positions, you either sit and rest in the chair, or you stand on your own strength. Do you find it easy or difficult to rest in Jesus?”
5. Read 1 John 5:21. How does the last verse summarize this entire letter? What do you take away from this summary?

## NEXT STEPS

John ends his letter by warning us about idolatry because he knew that if anything could rob us of our assurance of salvation or our assurance of who Jesus is — it's worshipping and depending on anything other than Jesus.

An idol is anything you seek to give you what only God can provide. Talk through the questions below to help identify potential idols in your life.

- What are you disappointed with?
- What do you worry about?
- What do you sacrifice for?
- What is the heaven you're pursuing?
- Whose applause do you long for?

## PRAY

Pray together as a group. If you recognize any misdirected worship in your life, repent and redirect that worship to Jesus. Ask God to help you keep away from anything that tries to take his place in your heart.

## NEXT WEEK



Next Sunday, we'll begin a two-year initiative called *Multiply*. We'd love for every Community Group to follow along with the sermon studies from Sept. 15 to Oct. 13. This is an *important* time for Redemption and attendance at services and groups are vital to our church.

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