

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 2:28-3:10, 1 John 3:16-17

GETTING STARTED

As a child, did you ever get caught doing something you weren’t supposed to be doing?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read 1 John 2:28-29. God always tells you who you are before he tells you what to do. Why is this so important? How does your identity as a child of God effect what you do in everyday life?
2. John says God is a Father, we are his children, and we are to love other Christians as brothers and sisters. Why do you think John emphasizes these family relationships?
3. Read 1 John 3:4. Do you ever find it difficult to submit to God’s laws? Do you ever feel like you are missing out by doing things God’s ways? What can we do to trust God even when we don’t agree with him?
4. Read 1 John 3:6. None of us are perfect, we’re all sinners. But what is the difference between struggling with sin, and pursuing sin?

5. Why is it impossible for us to say we love God and yet hate others?

NEXT STEPS

Read 1 John 3:10 and 1 John 3:16-17

Jesus shows us that love always gives sacrificially. Look at the three areas below and discuss how you can give sacrificially in each?

Love gives time and attention.

- Who gets your time and attention?
- Are you honoring God with your time and attention?
- Does anything with your time and attention need to change?

Love gives money.

- How does your financial giving reflect the way God has given to you?
- Are you honoring God with your money?
- Does anything in your financial giving need to change?

Love forgives.

- How does the way you forgive others reflect the way God has forgiven you?
- Is the way you forgive others honoring God?
- Is there someone you need to forgive?

PRAY

Pray as a group that we would continue to dig deeper into the gospel and experience the love of God in our lives so we continue to understand it better and see our hearts and lives changed. Ask God for opportunities to express that love to others?

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