

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 4:1-21, Romans 5:8, Romans 8:15

GETTING STARTED

If you play the board game Monopoly, which game piece do you want and why?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read 1 John 4:1-3. John tells us to beware of false teachers. How does he say we can identify them? How is false teaching a danger to us today?
2. Why is it so important for us to discern, accept, and embrace teaching from godly biblical teachers?
3. God has revealed himself as light (1 John 1:5) and love (1 John 4:8). What do these characteristics tell us about God?
4. Have you ever doubted God’s love for you? How does 1 John 4:9 encourage us during these times of doubt?
5. Read 1 John 4:10–11. How is love defined here? How does this definition of love change the way you love others?
6. Read 1 John 4:20. We should love everyone, but why is it so important that we do love other believers?

NEXT STEPS

1 John shows us that real love is selfless, it sacrifices, and it's fearless. Discuss as a group the different ways we've seen those demonstrated in the life of Jesus.

How can you demonstrate each of those this week?

- Where do I need to be more selfless?
- Where do I need to sacrifice?
- Where do I need to let love drive out fear?

PRAY

Pray for one another and for the supernatural power from the Holy Spirit to love others as Jesus has loved us.

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