

GROUP STUDY - FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE

What was the most significant thing you learned from the sermon or something in the sermon you didn't quite understand?

INTRO - SHARE SCRIPTURE

Share and discuss your favorite verse from the Gospel of John.

DIGGING INTO THE TEXT

- To what or whom does the phrase "that which was from the beginning" refer?
- What do 1 John 1:1; John 1:1 and Genesis 1:1 have in common?
- What is the significance of John stating the Word of Life had been "heard, seen, and touched" by him?
- According to 1 John 1:3, 1 John 5:13, and John 20:31, why did John write, and what did he want his readers to know, believe, and experience?
- How does the 1 John 1:1-4 emphasize the reality and depth of the relationship between the Father and the Word of Life?
- How does John stress the appearance in history of "the Life"?

TAKEAWAYS

THE DOCTRINAL TEST

1 John 2:22-23

"Without a fully human and fully divine mediator, we cannot have the atoning sacrifice for the sins that we need" - Mark Dever

- Dever's quote touches on theological reality known as the "hypostatic union" – Is it possible to reject the son while claiming to know the Father?

THE MORAL TEST

John 15:14; 1 John 1:8-10; 3:4-10

- Are we to continue in sin so that grace may abound?
- How do 1 John 1:8–10 and 3:4–10 distinguish between struggling against sin and settling into a life of sin?
- If we love Christ, do we obey His commands?

THE SOCIAL TEST

John 13:34-35; 15:13; 19:25-27; 1 John 3:16-18; 4:7-8

- How can you show sacrificial love to family? Friends? Strangers? Enemies?
- Who is God calling you to love at a real cost to your comfort, time, pride, or resources?