

Love & Light Slide

Week 1

Prayerful Outcomes

1. We would develop a passion for the truth, learning from John as an eyewitness to Jesus.
2. We would develop a heart like John's, full of compassion for others to come to know Jesus.

I, John, am your brother and your partner in suffering and in God's Kingdom and in the patient endurance to which Jesus calls us. I was exiled to the island of Patmos for preaching the word of God and for my testimony about Jesus. Revelation 1:9

“John’s rash request for special honor in the kingdom had given way to a compassion and humility that would characterize his ministry in his later life. Although he remained courageous and bold, his ambition was balanced by the humility he learned at Jesus’ feet.”

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2. We would develop a heart like John's, full of compassion for others to come to know Jesus.
3. We would develop a life of walking in the light of God - who is love - according to the truth.

“Apostle of Love”

John refers to himself four different times as “the one whom Jesus loved” in his eyewitness account of life with Jesus. And his letters are filled with love for those under his care, also telling them to love one another. (See 2 John verses 1, 5 & 6)

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1. Our zeal for the truth must always be balanced by a love for people. The light of truth untempered by love can turn zeal to harshness and judgmentalism.

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2. Conversely, love that will not discern truth from error will become misleading. Let's remember; if we learn to speak the truth in love, we will "in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ" (Ephesians 4:15).

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3. Confidence and boldness, untempered by compassion and grace, can quickly turn to pride and smugness. Confidence is a wonderful virtue, but without humility, it can become self-confidence, which can lead to boasting and an attitude of exclusiveness.