

CG - Gathering

Sermon Series: The Letters of John
Sermon Title: Whoever Has The Son— 1 John 5:1-12



Call to Worship (Read 1 John 3:1)

'See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.'

Pray

“Father, thank you that in Christ we are your children and have life in your Son, so as we talk tonight, open our hearts to your word and help us to live from who you have made us, not from what the world demands. Amen.”

Questions for Discussion: (Read: 1 John 5:1-12)

1. What stood out to you about the sermon text for this week? Did you find anything, encouraging or challenging?
2. Where in your life right now does obedience feel like a weight you're carrying instead of a life you're living? John says God's commands aren't burdensome because we've been born of God. What changes when you obey *from* who you already are instead of *to become* someone?
3. A counterfeit family/tribe that offers belonging, identity, a story, and righteousness by association. Where do you see a version of that in your own life, whether politics or something else? When you're anxious, where do you go first, and what does it promise you?
4. John says God's testimony is greater than any human testimony, and that believers have it in themselves. What helps you settle your heart in what God has said about his Son when the news, your health, or a family worry is loud?
5. What is one concrete way you could love one another well this week, such as a meal at your table, or a question before an opinion?

Gospel community Challenge: Open your table. Invite one person/family to a meal or coffee, ideally someone who is outside your usual circle. If an in-person meal isn't realistic, a phone call or a handwritten note counts.

