

1 John: Who is John? (Week 1)

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Discussion and Questions:

1. Go around the group and each share highlights from your response in the workbook. Was it an observation you made; a prayer; a special application? [Note - if you spend most of your time sharing what each one is getting out of the studies, don't worry. Any time spent talking together of what you are learning is a good thing!]
2. Why do you think John refers to Jesus as the Word of Life? (1 John 1:1) What meaning does that title for Jesus have to you?
3. Look at verses 5 and 6. Describe what walking in the darkness and walking in the light might look like.
4. Verses 7 to 9 speak of being purified or cleansed from all sin and unrighteousness. Discuss how that happens and when. What part does trust play in applying these verses?
5. What value do you place on the blood of Jesus Christ being the means by which we are cleansed? How do you thank God for bringing this about?
6. Clint spoke of how John earned the nickname "Son of Thunder". He was brash, cocky and a bit full of himself. That was at the very outset of his journey of getting close to Jesus. But by the time he gets to writing this particular book, his life is marked by love and humility. If growing closer to Jesus has only good outcomes for our character, why do you think people hold back doing so?
7. Finish by praying with each other about allowing God to work on your character defects.

Upcoming dates

1. Family Movie Night – Friday September 1st – 5.30pm
2. Strengthen – Sunday September 10th – 6pm
3. CORE – Tuesday September 26th – 7pm dinner/7.30pm start