



Grace Group Discussion Guide

Sermon Title: This I know...

Date: 9/27/26

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Connect

Not tied to the text — gets everyone talking early.

- What's one thing from your week worth celebrating?
- Tell us about a time this week when you used multiple ways to find out what the weather was going to be like. Which method was most accurate?

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Recap

Anchors everyone in the text — no prior knowledge needed to answer.

1 John 2:3–11

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³ And we can be sure that we know him if we obey His commandments. ⁴ If someone claims, “I know God,” but doesn’t obey God’s commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. ⁵ But those who obey God’s word truly show how completely they love Him. That is how we know we are living in Him. ⁶ Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.

⁷ Dear friends, I am not writing a new commandment for you; rather it is an old one you have had from the very beginning. This old commandment—to love one another—is the same message you heard before. ⁸ Yet it is also new. Jesus lived the truth of this commandment, and you also are living it. For the darkness is disappearing, and the true light is already shining.

⁹ If anyone claims, “I am living in the light,” but hates a fellow believer, that person is still living in darkness. ¹⁰ Anyone who loves a fellow believer is living in the light and does not cause others to stumble. ¹¹ But anyone who hates a fellow believer is still living and walking in darkness. Such a person does not know the way to go, having been blinded by the darkness.

- What stood out to you from Sunday's message or this passage?
- John says that we can know if we truly know God by the way we obey His commandments. How is obedience a demonstration of love?
- According to verses 9–10, what does John hope will happen in the church now that they know God?

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Discovery

Digging into what the text means — okay if only a few voices carry it.

- Read 1 John 2:12–14 together. How does this cyclical spiral of description regarding the development of the Christian life impact your understanding of obedience?
 - What does this passage reveal about God's understanding of how humans are able to obey His commands?
 - John wrote this letter to help the church know that they can really know God, and that God expects them to obey His commands. But, looking back at 1 John 1:9, how does God make a way for us to continually develop our ability to learn how to be obedient?
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Application

The funnel narrows into life application and vulnerability.

- Where do you see this same pattern in your own life? — Little Child; Child; Young Adult; Mature Adult — in your own life, or in someone else's life that you've watched closely?
 - What does your path toward wholeness and obedience to God's commandments look like today?
 - What, other than obedience, is something that you thought you could learn immediately but they discovered that you needed to work at learning how to do?
 - *Consider the Journey of Faith model. Print a copy of a blank model and ask everyone to try to sketch their own Journey of Faith.*
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Prayer / Response

Occasional action step — not required every week.

- How can we pray for you this week?
 - Name one person in your school, neighborhood, or workplace God has already placed in your life. What's one specific, concrete way you could love them this week?
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