



# 1, 2, & 3 JOHN

## CONTRASTING WHAT'S TRUE AND NOT TRUE ABOUT JESUS

### **PART 2: LOVE**

Being a follower of Jesus comes with sacrificial actions. And behind those actions is always love.

*John, one of the original twelve disciples, wrote the letters of 1, 2, and 3 John at a time when almost all eyewitnesses of Jesus's life on earth had died. People with no firsthand experience with Jesus were spreading false information, and John wanted to clarify who Jesus was while he still had time.*

### **SCRIPTURE**

#### **1 JOHN 3:16-18**

*"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."*

### **PRE-VIDEO TABLE DISCUSSION [6:30 PM]**

#### **QUESTIONS:**

1. When did you last write a letter or personalized note?
  - Why did you write it?
2. Did you get a chance to read through 1, 2, and 3 John?
  - What stood out to you?
3. Were you able to memorize 1 John 1:6-7?

### **PRAYER | 6:50 PM**

Heavenly Father, help us follow the example of Jesus by loving others well. Amen.



*"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth."*

**QUESTION (A):** Talk about how John must have felt when he wrote this in the latter years of his life, particularly since he probably had no children of his own. How would you want to finish that sentence toward the end of your own life?

I have no greater joy than to hear \_\_\_\_\_.

**QUESTION (B):** In your own words, what do you think John's main message was in these verses?

**DISCUSSION [5].**

**REFLECT:** Look over the characteristics of "Living in Truth" that were presented in the video:

<b>LIVING IN TRUTH</b>
Following Jesus alongside other believers
Openly admitting sinfulness
Making a genuine effort to follow Jesus
Demonstrating love by acting on it
Knowing Jesus was a real person
Are consistently a benefit to others

**QUESTION:** What stands out as something you need God's help with?

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**MEMORIZE**

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**PRAY | DISMISS [8:00 PM]**