

Groups Discussion Questions

1 John Week 2 “1 John 3 Reasons for Writing”

Last week, Pastor Chuck:

- Introduced us to our author, John (the disciple whom Jesus loved)
- One of the Sons of Thunder
- And while he was one of the 12 disciples, he was one of the three who were more intimately tied in Jesus’ closest circle.

While we know significantly more about who John is and was, this week we get to look in depth to WHY John wrote his letter.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. Have you ever received a written letter or card that moved you? Feel bold? Share who sent it and why you think it had an impact on you.
2. What were you doing on Aug 18, 1994? (If you caught the sermon this question makes sense).
3. What’s your favorite McDonald’s menu item?

SERMON NOTES REVIEW

Looking back at your sermon notes from this weekend’s teaching, was there anything said that caught your attention, challenged you or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

We learned that there are 3 reasons why John wrote this letter.

1. That our joy would be full through relationship with others (1 John 1:4)
 - a. What does the word “fellowship” mean to you?
 - b. Read 1 John 1:3 does your idea of fellowship change when you think if it in the context of this verse?
 - c. Pastor Craig took a through a chiasm of Gen 2:15-20 look back at those verses and then at Romans 12:5. What sticks out to you? What do the authors hope for us to grasp from these passages? How do they tie into 1: John 3. Discuss.

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Unstuck † Week 2 “Going Uphill to Get Unstuck”

2. That we would not sin (1 John 2:1)
 - a. What happens if a Christian still sin? Read 1 John 2:2.
3. That we know we are saved. 1 John 5:13
 - a. There is a common struggle among believers where we think we must earn God’s Love.
 - b. Read Romans 5:8 out loud together
 - c. How has being in the Church or in community assured you of your salvation?

TAKING IT HOME

We now know that John wrote this letter so we would know the importance of being in community. The Church is not a building but a group of people. God created us for community, not matter how close your relationship is with Him, He still wants us to fellowship with one another.

1. Are there people in your life who need to be brought into community?
2. What do you feel God telling you about your next step in this area?

PRAYER TIME

Close your group in prayer. Thank God for the people He has brought into your life. Pray a prayer of blessing over one another. Pray for boldness in one another to seek out people on the fringe and bring them into His community.

ACTION ITEMS

The Bible is clear that we have an “Accuser” but that “We have a High Priest who sat down in the place of honor beside the throne of the majestic God in heaven. ²There He ministers in the heavenly Tabernacle, the true place of worship that was built by the Lord and not by human hands.” (Hebrews 8:1-2)

This week, reflect on this verse daily. Spend time *listening* to God through this verse. Ask Him who needs to be reminded about this truth and then *share* your experience with someone.