

Groups Discussion Questions

1 John | Week 1 *The Background for the Letter of First John*

This first week did a Background Check on John who wrote this amazing letter called 1st John. John clearly shares why he wrote this letter and what he wanted to happen for those who took this letter to heart. If you do then your joy would be full and overflowing, you will not sin, and you will know you are saved. Let's dive in!

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. This week we learned that John was the self-proclaimed "disciple who Jesus loved." Have you ever given yourself a nickname? Did it catch on? Is there a nickname that someone else gave you that you loved/hated?
2. What is something that you enjoy doing as a hobby that takes a lot of time but is rewarding. Do you get to participate in your hobby as often as you would like?

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

1. John is the author of 5 books in the Bible and was likely recruited by Jesus as a teenager. Do you feel like you have a calling on your life? How old were you when you first realized it? What is one piece of advice you would give your younger self?
2. Read what the Bible says about being an example in 1 Timothy 4:12. Who are we supposed to be examples for? Are there areas you find more challenging than others?
3. Read and discuss what the Bible says in Mark 10:35-45 about James & John being competitive. What was John's goal? What was Jesus's response? Are you a competitive person? Would it be a blessing or a curse for you to be elevated to a place of power?
4. There are 5 passages where John calls himself "The disciple Jesus loved". How do you feel when you read these passages:
 - a. John 13:23
 - b. John 19:26
 - c. John 20:2
 - d. John 21:7
 - e. John 21:20

5. John instructs us to test every spirit and guard ourselves against the schemes of the enemy. In a world that is so noisy it is becoming more difficult to differentiate the truth. Read 1 John 4:1-3 and discuss ways you can protect yourselves from false teaching. Are there other verses that come to mind?

TAKING IT HOME

- In Mark 10:43 we read that whoever wants to be a leader but be a servant. We follow the example of Jesus' servant leadership. What is a practical way to do this on your current life stage?
- Jesus loves us for who we are. He cares about us in a real way. He loves us in a way that makes us better. How has His love changed you for the better?

PRAYER TIME

Close your group in prayer. Ask God to speak to you and reveal areas in your life that need His touch. Ask God to speak through you to people in your life who need to know that Jesus loves them.

ACTION ITEMS

This week Pastor Chuck talked about servant leadership. There are many areas in our Church in need of leaders and team members. If you are not currently serving, look at the need here at Crossroads and pray about joining a team. Check out crossroadschurch.com/next/volunteer for more information.

This week was our House of Study kick off! We are so excited to have you a part of the House of Study Winter quarter. Make sure to check-in to the service to light your badge.