

Groups Discussion Guide

1 John

1 John: Week 4: 1 John 1:1-4

Pastor Chuck went over why John is writing to Christians in this letter. Christians are being plagued with false teachings, but John wanted to write Christians so that they wouldn't sin and they would press forward to know the one True God. We are to listen and adhere to the bible and its entirety from the first word of Genesis to the last period in Revelation.

John wants to bring home his experiential relationship with Jesus and how we can have one too. Jesus is the Word of Life and we will only have joy when we start to experience Jesus in a personal way. We were made in the image of God and were created to be relational. Fellowship with others is connected to fellowshiping with God. We are to love one another above all else.

Jesus wants us to have Joy and John shared in the letter of 3rd John that there is nothing that gave him greater joy than when we walk in truth.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- What is the best piece of advice you have been given?
- Did you make a New Year's goal or resolution? And if so, are you still working toward it?
- What is your favorite item you have bought this year?

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

- Romans 15:4 says "For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."
- 2 Timothy 3:16-17 says 16 "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work."

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- 1) Paul is talking about God's word and truth giving us hope and equipping us for good work in the above verses. What are some of the ways Scriptures has equipped you to do God's work? What do you think God's plans are for you? Does this give you hope?
- 2) John uses the word manifested twice in 1 John 1:2. What does the word manifest mean and why do you think John used it more than once in this verse?
- 3) What has God manifested in your life that increases your faith in living for Him?
- 4) Pastor Chuck told a story in the sermon that talked about the difference between knowing about Jesus, versus really knowing Jesus personally. What is a personal experience you have had with Jesus?
- 5) 1 John 1:4 says These things we write, so that our joy may be made complete. Are there any differences between the word joy and happiness? Is your joy complete?

TAKING IT HOME

Read Hosea 6:3 and discuss what does this truth mean to you.

Pastor Chuck went over how important relationships are and how they are an integral part of how our relationship also works with our Lord and Savior. How does this view of relationships and fellowship with others in conjunction with our personal relationship with God resonate with you?

Pastor Noe said "We don't read the word for information, but for transformation." What part of this sermon resonated with you and is going to help you press on and transform?

PRAYER TIME

Spend some time as a group taking prayer request and praying or one another.

ACTION STEPS

Since last October we have been encouraged as a Church family become deeply rooted and G.R.O.W.

G- Get in God's Word (daily)

If you haven't joined us as a Church in reading chronologically through the Bible this year you can join in here. <https://www.crossroadschurch.com/bibleplan/>.

R-Receive Instruction

We are committed to offering different opportunities for you to deepen your knowledge of God and His word through the House of Study. If you join us on Wednesday you're already completing this step for the Winter quarter. Remember to check-in on your dashboard each week to light your House of Study badge. Need the app? Text the word "app" to 77247.

O-Obey from the Heart

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- Time- See your time as something you commit to God by spending time with Him, investing in every First Wednesday and serving Him.
- Talent- Discover your spiritual gift and find a place to serve God in His Church. Head to www.crossroadschurch.com/next/volunteer/ to take the test and sign up to serve.
- Treasure- Be faithful with the financial resources God has blessed you with. This week Pastor Chuck reminded us that our heart follows our treasure. We tend to be more passionate in what we invest in
- Testimony- Share the testimony of what God is doing in your life with people you know are far from God.

W- Worship with Passion

Commit to passionately worshipping God at our First Wednesday services either in person or online.