

THE BOOK OF 1 JOHN

Sunday, January 21, 2024

Begin: Take this time to hear how everyone is doing, and get settled.

- What is something to celebrate from this past week?
- IceBreaker: Who is the most famous person you've ever met?
 - Can you confidently say you KNOW _____? (Famous person)
 - What is the difference between meeting & knowing?

Listen: Reflections on Sunday's Sermon and thoughts from the message

- What stood out to you about this week's message?
- Is there anything you still are thinking about or have questions about?

Discover: Take time to dig deeper into the passage/topic for this week.

- Read: 1 John 2:1-6
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer states, "*Only he who believes is obedient; only he who is obedient believes*". How does this quote compare to these verses from 1 John?
- As the Bible describes "obedience" is it an oppressive idea?
- What assurances come with a life of obedience?
- Why does truly know God lead to obedience to His commands?
- What does it mean to "abide" or "remain" in Christ? What other passages of scripture shed light on this idea?

Apply: Take time to apply these Biblical Truths to your own life

- How can God be loving if he command obedience from His people?
- Is it possible to rightly love others without a true love for God?
 - How does John shed light on this question?
- How does this command for us to obey sometimes rub people the wrong way?
 - How could we better help others understand obedience to God as Love?

My One Thing — What is your 1 takeaway from this study and how will it impact your upcoming week?

Pray: Feel free to pray in a way that best fits your group. Take time each week to pray with and for each other.

Notes: Space for your notes from your time together. Added Memory verse at the bottom to keep these truths in your mind.

And by this we know that we have come to know him,
if we keep his commandments.
1 John 2:3