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voice of Jesus?

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tial but at the same time false? How as a group and

God changes lives!

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1 John Overview:

Author and Date: John the Apostle, one of the original twelve apostles, is known as the “Apostle of Love.”

Written between 60-90 A.D.

First readers and their location: Christians in Ephesus (modern day Turkey).

Ephesus the city: Ephesus had a population of around 250,000, making it a major trading trade centre in the Roman Empire, and was the birthplace of the philosopher Heraclitus.

Why was it written?: 1 John was written primarily to address a problem in the church. False teachers were denying that Jesus was the Messiah. They were also denying that Jesus was the Messiah and that sin was as serious as the seriousness of sin. John wrote to correct these errors.

Open-up

What is some of the most wrong advice you have ever heard of?

Into the Bible—Ask “What does it Say?”

Read: 1 John 4:1-6

What do verses 1-3 reveal about the problem in the church? What is being talked about? (See Deuteronomy 13:1-5; Romans 16:17)

How does Romans 10:9 (declare); Titus 1:16 (made); 2 John 1:10 (use of the word “acknowledge” (NIV). (The same word is used in 1 John 4:10)

How does John teach us to understand the “Spirit of truth and life” (1 John 4:14; Isaiah 8:20)