



Date: May 19, 2019
Scripture: 1 John 5:1-21
Series: Living in the Light

1 John Overview:

Author and Date: John the Apostle, one of the original 12 disciples and known as the “Apostle of Love.”

Written between 60-90 A.D.

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

Ephesus the city: Ephesus had a population of around 300,000, was a leading trade centre in the Roman Empire, and was the centre of worship for the pagan goddess Diana.

Why was it written?: 1 John was written primarily to combat false teaching that had shown up in the church. False teachers were denying that Jesus had a real physical body and was fully human. They were also denying that Jesus was the Messiah. These teachings lead to believers minimizing the seriousness of sin. John wrote to correct these lies.

Open-up

What is some of the most wrong advice you have ever received or given? How was that advice acted on?

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

Read: 1 John 5:1-15

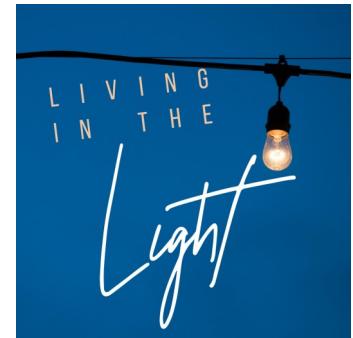
What do you notice about the passage itself? (Structure, repeated words or ideas, unique words, main points, what did this passage say to the original author and audience)

What does John present as evidence for someone who is born of God?

False teachers were promoting the idea that Jesus was not fully God and fully man. What testimony does God give in answer to this? Why do you think these are important?

Read: 1 John 5:16-21

What do you notice about the passage itself? (Structure, repeated words or ideas, unique words, main points, what did this passage say to the original author and audience)



What does John say we should and should not pray for? What is sin according to John?

Who gives understanding and why?



Into my life—Ask “What does this look like in my personal life?”

What events in your life have caused you to doubt who Jesus is and his gift of eternal life? How can this chapter be an encouragement to you today?

John said, “Whoever has the son has life.” Is the gospel really that simple? How have you overcomplicated it in your life?

What do you think John Meant when he was talking about sin? Are their different levels of sin on this side of eternity? How does this inform the way we should walk with people when they sin? How would you like to be walked with?

Other Application Questions:

Is there something to worship or thank God for?

Is there a promise to claim or a truth to believe?

Is there something I am convicted about that I need to work on?

Is there something or someone I need to pray for this week? (Be specific)

Is there any relationship I need to work on?



Into the World—Ask “what does this look like in my world?”

Going back to 1 John 2:6 (ESV) “whoever says he (you) abides in him (Jesus) ought to walk in the same way in which he (Jesus) walked.” From what you have learned in this series how would you answer the question, “What does it mean for us to walk as Jesus walked?” (Pray for each other in this)

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