



1 John

1 JOHN 1:1-4

group guide

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“That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.” 1 John 1:1

OBJECTIVE

Invite your group members into living in sync with God’s kingdom. Help lead your group into deeper discipleship and love of Jesus. Ask for the Holy Spirit to shape your heart, and the hearts of those who attend your group.

Welcome and Ice-Breaker

For fun: What’s something you wish you understood better?

DISCUSSION

Teaching Text: 1 John 1:1-4 / Town Centre: 1 John 1:1-2:2

Ask someone (or multiple people) to read the teaching text aloud and then ask someone to summarize the sermon.

Perceive

1. What are some key phrases or verses in the passage that stick out to you? Why?
2. What can we learn from this section of Scripture?

Ponder

1. What echoes do you see between John 1 and 1 John 1?
2. One of the reasons John wrote this book was to correct false teachings. What are some false teachings we need to be aware of today? How do we remain grounded in what is true about reality and about Jesus?
3. One of the false teachings in the first century was Gnosticism (in a nutshell, the idea that the body didn’t matter, but only the soul). How do you see Gnosticism at work today?
4. A second reason John wrote this letter was to call his audience to love one another more deeply. In our culture, what have you noticed about some of the specific ways we are prone to become weak in our love for one another? How is Christian love different from worldly love?

5. A third reason 1 John was written was to remind people that through Christ there is deep joy and fellowship available with one another and with God. As a community group, what are we doing well when it comes to fellowship? How can we grow in our fellowship together?

PRAY & PRACTICE

Pray: As a group, pray that you would remain steadfast in truth and increase in love for one another.

Practice: As we begin this sermon series, read through 1 John this week once or twice.



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