



WALKING IN TRUTH

1ST 2ND & 3RD JOHN

PRAY BEFORE YOU DO YOUR LESSON

1. Pray God would help you understand His Word.
2. Pray God would do heart transformation as you read His Word.
3. Pray that you would love God more.
4. Pray that God helps you apply His Word to your life.
5. Pray that God helps you desire to study His Word & spend time with Him daily.
6. Pray that the lesson would be heart work and not homework.

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**2024-2025 WOMEN'S MINISTRY
CANYON HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH**

LESSON 1

THE WORD OF LIFE

Read 1 John 1:1-4

1. Compare these verses to the prologue in John's gospel (1:1-18). What similarities do you see?
2. What are the key words and key points in these verses?
3. Who is the Word of life? (Psalm 33:6; John 1:3-4; John 14:6)

LESSON 1

THE WORD OF LIFE

4. John testifies to what he has seen and heard and touched. What does it mean to testify or witness?
5. List a few things that you know about the Apostle John.
6. What do you learn about God in this passage? How does this passage make you love God more?
7. How would you apply what you've learned from studying these verses this week?

LESSON 1

THE WORD OF LIFE

Challenge Questions

Where in John's gospel does the Lord Jesus talk about making His joy complete? What would have to change in your life to have complete joy?

Write out your testimony in a few sentences. (John gives us his in only three sentences.)

Memory Verse - 1 John 1:1

"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life."

LESSON 1

MESSAGE NOTES

LESSON 2

LIGHT & DARKNESS

Read 1 John 1:5-10

1. What are some qualities of light? What does it mean that “God is light”?
2. How does it look to “walk in the light” versus walking in darkness?
3. What other passages in Scripture can you think of that speak of the “blood of Jesus” cleansing or purifying us from sin? Why is this significant? (Ephesians 1:7; Hebrews 9:14&22, 1 Peter 1:18-19)

LESSON 2

LIGHT & DARKNESS

4. How often do you confess your sins? What sins has the Lord brought to your mind this week that you need to confess?

5. What does the Lord promise to do for us if we confess our sins?
(Psalm 32:3-5; Psalm 51; Isaiah 43:25 & 55:7)

6. Have you ever claimed to be without sin? How has your thinking changed after doing this lesson?

7. What attributes of God do you see in this week's lesson? How will you include these in your prayers this week?

LESSON 2

LIGHT & DARKNESS

Challenge Questions

What does the Lord Jesus have to say about light and darkness in John 3? Compare this to this week's passage.

What does it mean to have true fellowship with one another? How are you currently having fellowship with other believers? What area do you want to change in your life?

Memory Verse - 1 John 1:9

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

LESSON 3

THE CHURCH & THE WORLD

Read 1 John 2:1-17

1. John refers to his readers as “little children” or “dear children.” Skim all of 1 John and list the verses where he uses this phrase.
2. Look up the word “advocate” in the dictionary. What does it mean to you that Jesus Christ is your advocate? Why do you need an advocate?
3. John tells us that we are to keep His commands. List the commands in these verses: Philippians 4:6-7; 1 Thessalonians 5:17, Matthew 3:2 & 4:17; Acts 3:19; 1 John 3:32, Matthew 16:24, John 13:34. Are you obeying these commands? Which do you need to work on?

LESSON 3

THE CHURCH & THE WORLD

4. What warnings do you find in these verses? How do you need to change your thinking or behavior to heed these warnings?
5. Do you think that you are loving your fellow believers in a way that honors the Lord? (Be honest with yourself.)

LESSON 3

THE CHURCH & THE WORLD

Challenge Questions

What does John mean by the phrase “love the world”? (vs. 15) How are you tempted to love the world?

How does the temptation of Eve in Genesis 3 involve all three: “the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life”? (vs. 16)

Memory Verse - 1 John 2:2

“He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.”

LESSON 4

TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES

Read 1 John 2:18-27

1. John says that the antichrist is coming. Who is the antichrist?
(2 Thessalonians 2:3-4; 1 John 2:18 & 22; 1 John 4:3; 2 John 7;
Revelation 13: 5-8)
2. Who is the “they” that John is referring to in vs. 19? What does he mean by the phrase, “none of them belonged to us” or “were not of us”?
3. List all of the attributes of God and names for Jesus you can find in this passage.

LESSON 4

TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES

Challenge Questions

In verse 27, John speaks of remaining (or abiding) in Him. What are the results of remaining in Jesus according to John 15?

John says that his readers “know the truth” (vs.21). What do you know to be true that you could share with someone else this week?
(Deuteronomy 7:9; Job 19:25; Romans 8:28-29; 2 Timothy 1:12; 1 Peter 1:18-19)

Memory Verse - 1 John 2:23

“No one who denies the Son has the Father.
Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also.”

LESSON 5

GOD'S CHILDREN & SIN

Read 1 John 2:28-3:10

1. John speaks of Jesus' coming in 2:28. What details does Jesus give us about His coming in Matthew 24?
2. What do you think it would be like to be ashamed at Jesus' coming? (vs. 1) Are you prepared for His coming? What will happen when He appears? (vs. 2)
3. What does it mean to you that the Father has "lavished" (NIV) His great love on us? How will you respond to Him this week for His great love?

LESSON 5

GOD'S CHILDREN & SIN

4. What is the definition for sin in verse 4? (See also 1 John 5:17)
5. How are you being led astray by the world? What do you need to change or eliminate to keep your heart pure?
6. What are the patterns of your life? Do you continue in a pattern of sin or do you do what is right as God's child?

LESSON 5

GOD'S CHILDREN & SIN

Challenge Questions

John tells us that the Son of God appeared to destroy the devil's work. What is the devil's work? (John 10:10; Hebrews 2:14-15)

How do we know that we are children of God and not children of the devil?

Memory Verse - 1 John 3:1

"See what kind of love the father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him."

LESSON 6

LOVE & HATE

Read 1 John 3:11-24

1. Give a brief summary of the story of Cain and Abel from Genesis 4.
2. Why did Cain murder his brother and what was his punishment?
3. John tells us that the world will hate us. Read John 15:18-25. What does Jesus say about the hatred of the world?
4. What do you think it means to “abide (or remain) in death” from 1 John 3:14?

LESSON 6

LOVE & HATE

5. What warning do you find in 1 John 3:15
6. How do we know what love is according to vs. 16? What would you be willing to do for a fellow believer? (Be honest.) What did Jesus do for us?
7. Compare vs. 17-18 to James 2:14-18. What is the big idea of these two passages?

LESSON 6

LOVE & HATE

Challenge Questions

What does John want us to “know” in vs. 19-24? What assurance do you have that you belong to Jesus Christ?

Ask the Lord to show you that person in your life that is in desperate need of that assurance and share this truth with them this week.

Memory Verse - 1 John 3:23

“And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.”

LESSON 7

TRUTH & ERROR

Read 1 John 4:1-6

1. Who or what are the spirits that John tells us to test to see whether they are from God?
2. What warnings do you see in these verses? How will you choose to heed these warnings?
3. How does John say that we can recognize the Spirit of God (vs. 2) versus the spirit that is not from God? (For help, also read vs. 6)

LESSON 7

TRUTH & ERROR

4. What promise do you see in vs. 4? How is this a comfort to you?

5. Would you say that you get your viewpoint about things from the world or from God? How much time in 24 hours do you spend listening to what the world has to say (social media, TV, internet sites, gossip...) versus time spent in God's Word?

6. What needs to change in the way you spend your time in order to align with the truth in God's Word?

LESSON 7

TRUTH & ERROR

Challenge Questions

Give a few examples of the viewpoints of the world.

John says that the spirit of the antichrist is already in the world (vs. 3). What do you think he means by this statement? (You may need to use a commentary or study Bible to help you)

Memory Verse - 1 John 4:4

“Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.”

LESSON 8

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Read 1 John 4:7-21

1. How many times do you find the command to love one another in the New Testament? (Use a concordance or do a Bible word search)
2. What does it mean to be born of God? (See also John 1:12)
3. John tells us that God is love. How would you explain God's love to someone who is not a believer? What has God done out of love for us?

LESSON 8

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Challenge Questions

Verse 10 tells us that God sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice (propitiation) for our sins. Look up “propitiation” in the dictionary and then explain it in your own words. (Hebrews 2:17; 1 John 2:2)

How do the verses in this lesson comfort you as you think about God’s great love? Who do you know that needs to hear about God’s love?

Memory Verse - 1 John 4:7

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.”

LESSON 9

LIFE IN THE SON

Read 1 John 5:1-21

1. Have you ever thought of God's commands as burdensome? How will you begin to pray so that your thoughts and actions align with verse 3?
2. What does it mean to "overcome the world"? Where do you need a victory today?
3. In vs. 7 who are the three that testify that Jesus is the Son of God? Explain the teaching that Jesus Christ came by water and blood.

LESSON 9

LIFE IN THE SON

4. What do you learn about the difference between human testimony and God's testimony in these verses? What is your testimony about God? (1 John 1:29-34, Revelation 12:11)
5. What is it that John wants us to know with certainty? (vs. 13 & 19-20) Are you certain that you belong to Jesus and have eternal life?
6. Why do you think John closes the letter with the warning: "keep yourselves from idols"? What idols do you have in your heart that you need to get rid of?

LESSON 9

LIFE IN THE SON

Challenge Questions

How serious do you think it is to make God out to be a liar (vs. 10)? Who is called a liar and the father of lies in Scripture?

Write down the names of five people that you will commit to pray for each day this week that they might know the Son of God and receive the gift of eternal life.

Memory Verse - 1 John 5:11

“And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.”

LESSON 10

WALKING IN THE TRUTH

Read 2nd & 3rd John

1. What key words and phrases in these two letters do you see repeated from John's first letter?
2. John speaks of being given great joy. (2 John 4 & 3 John 3-4) What gave him great joy? What gives you great joy?
3. What is the false teaching that John is addressing in 2 John 7? How can we be alert to and avoid being deceived by false teaching today?

LESSON 10

WALKING IN THE TRUTH

4. Why is it essential to believe that Jesus Christ came in the flesh? What proof do we have in the Scriptures that He came in the flesh?

5. What does it mean to be chosen by God? (2 John 1 & 13)

6. In John's third letter he gives both rebukes and commendations to individuals. What were they doing that sparked this singling out?

LESSON 10

WALKING IN THE TRUTH

Challenge Questions

How important is showing hospitality in your home? Is there someone you could reach out to this week with an invitation?

John ends his letter with an admonishment to “Greet the friends there by name.” Why is it important to greet others by name?

Memory Verse - 2 John 6

“And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments; this is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, so that you should walk in it.”



...I did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be, has not yet appeared, but we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is, and everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The Son of God appeared to destroy the works of sin. Whoever does not abide in the teaching of Christ, who came in the flesh, does not abide in God, and he who does not abide in God does not have the Father. Whoever receives the testimony of the Son of God, who came in the flesh, receives eternal life in his own home. The one who does not receive the testimony of the Son of God does not have the Father, and the Father will not give him the Holy Spirit, because he has not received the testimony of the Son of God. By this it is evident who are the children of God and who are the



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