



**1 John 1:1-4**

What do you find stressful or frustrating about not knowing or being unsure of things?

What would it be like not knowing what is going to happen after you die?

How does John describe Jesus? V1b Why might John describe Jesus this way?

How does John show us that Jesus is “the life”? Where are we tempted to look for life outside of Jesus?

What is the role of eyewitnesses? Why might this all be more convincing if John is an eyewitness? V1

What is John’s aim in telling us about Jesus? V3

Fellowship is about having the same value or having unity. Why does John value unity and fellowship of followers of Jesus? How is this helpful in our lives today?

John wants us to experience life. What is the only wise response to this offer of life?

How is this a great encouragement to you as you navigate this life?

While it is encouraging, how do you find it challenging as well?

**1 John 1:5-2:2**

What is good about light? How is it helpful/useful?

Why is light a good description for God and his provision? What does Jesus say about light and himself in John 8:12?

How would you feel about a video of your life, thoughts, comments, conversations etc?

What does “The Light” reveal about life? V6

What does God’s light reveal about ourselves? V8 How might we deceive ourselves?

How is our need for Jesus highlighted in this passage?

How might we claim to be without sin? How might we “rename” sin to make it sound better?

How does Jesus help sinners to have fellowship with God? V7-9

## **1 John 2:3-8**

Is there anything you can be 100% sure of in this life? How do you have such confidence?

How can we know that we have come to know God? 2:3 How do we reconcile this with our sinful actions?

How would you explain that the obedience talked about here is not an oppressive idea?

Why does “knowing God” lead to obedience? V5

What is the temptation with grace vs obedience? Why are grace and obedience similar not opposites?

What are the old and new commands John is talking about in v7-8?

How has your life been transformed into obedience out of your love for God?

**1 John 2:9-17**

What gives you confidence in a product? How might advertising help with this?

Why is love for others so important, according to John? vv9-10

What are some examples of love you see throughout the bible? How is Jesus example of love the perfect example?

In verses 12-14 John reflects a bit on what we have in Christ. How is this helpful? Why might it be important to do this?

There seem to be things in this world we love/enjoy, what does John mean by not loving the world or anything in the world? Why is this important?

What does it mean to be an “image bearer” of God?

What does “the world” promise to provide but fails to? How do you see the ways/pleasures of this world to be fleeting?

What is it that lasts forever? V17

We are convinced that God’s ways and the things of God are the only things which last, why are we so tempted by other things?

**1 John 2:18-27**

Is the antichrist one or many? What do you think antichrist means in this context?

What is some popular teaching of those who oppose Jesus?

How can we be sure to be able to stand against this teaching?

What is the “last hour” that John talks about here in v18? How is this encouraging to us as followers of Jesus?

John has shown us how we can know if someone belongs to God. How can we tell?

What is John’s definition of the antichrist? V22

How can we “see that what we heard from the beginning” remains in us?

What are the keys to continuing on in the faith and helping others to do the same?

**1 John 3:1-18**

What family traits exist in your family?

What does it mean that we will be like Jesus v2? Why is this important?

What are some views of Jesus that people have today? How does v5 clear this up?

Our experience is different to what is suggested in v6 & 9, how do we reconcile this?

What issue do you think John is addressing in vv7-10? How do vv11-15 help us understand them a little more?

Why would the world 'hate' what is right? V13

Why is holiness a mark of a changed heart?

How does John use Cain as an exhortation to love? How is the world like Cain?

What change has becoming a follower of Jesus brought about in your life?

**1 John 3:19-4:6**

What is our basis for loving others? This seems to be a theme that is repeated throughout 1 John, why is love so important and used as the gauge of a changed life?

How can we know we belong to the truth according to v19-20? How does v20 impact you?

How is v23 similar to how Jesus sums up the law and the prophets in Matt 22:37-40?

As we believe in God and follow his command, how might this impact our prayers and the way they are answered? V21-23

How does what we believe impact the way we live? V23

Why do we look to God for assurance and not our own conscience? What aspects of our conscience is untrustworthy?

What is meant by “the world” in 4:1-6? How can we effectively engage the world without surrendering to their ideals?



**1 John 4:7-21**

What does love mean? What do you find hardest about loving others?

Why does John (and the rest of the bible) make such a big deal of loving others?

What does John say is evidence of loving God? How does God show his love for us?  
V9

Why doesn't loving others come more naturally?

Which is easier... to say I love you or to show it? We often think that weddings are a great place to see love in action, how might this be deceiving? What does love in action look like?

How can we know what love is? Why is love a good test for whether someone knows God?

How is the love of God different to the idea of romantic love seen in movies?

What is the true test of whether or not we have the Spirit of God? 4:13-16

Why might this be a good test?

**1 John 5:1-12**

What are the birthmarks of being children of God?

5:1

5:1,4

5:1-2

5:2-3

5:4

5:5

Why is each of these important part of the Christian Life and belief?

How does new birth relate to repentance and faith?

What are some of the ways love can be distorted?

What does John mean by believe=rs having conquered the world?

**1 John 5:13-21**

What is the importance of witnesses at a trial or a wedding? How persuasive is an eyewitness account?

Why has John written this letter? V13

What is God's will? What does it mean to ask for something according to his will?

List the things John says we can know...

5:13

5:14-17

5:18

5:19

5:20-21

Why might God want us to understand certain truths as we live the Christian life? How might these truths comfort us?

What role does prayer play in assurance? v14

Why can John say that we have everything we ask for? How might this verse be absurd? V14

In what way is 5:21 a summary of the entire book?