




Message by Pastor Jeff 5-21-17

Message Based Questions to help your personal Study & LifeGroup Discussions

 **CONNECTING:** *Connecting to one another with a warm up question or through worship.*

*What steps do you take to gain a better appreciation of the historical foundation of your faith in Christ on a regular basis?*

 **EXPLORING IT:** *Review the sermon outline and explore the message by using the following Q's which will help you dig in a little deeper and make sure you get the message.*

*The mission of the church is to transform the world through the life-changing message of Jesus for the glory of God.  
By loving God, loving God's people and then loving the world.*

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Why is studying this book so important to you?

What were the four areas that Pastor Jeff gave for what it is about?


What are the big ideas? Or what other themes will we find as we study this book?

Who is the author? Why does it matter to know who the author is?

As you think about the Apostle John—can you think of some ways in which he had contact with the Word of Life?

Why do you think it is important that John had seen, heard and touched Jesus himself?

How can we specifically pray for you today?

 **PRAY IT:** *Now that you have connected, explored and applied it—it is now time to tap into the power of prayer individually throughout the week as well as corporately praying for one another. Perhaps by sharing the real life challenges and blessings with one another this will help people see what God can do in their lives and will lead them into a plan of action.*

## Theological Themes of 1 John

God is light (1:5; 2:8)	God is love (4:8, 16, 19)
Christians were spiritually dead: then, they “passed out of death into life” (3:14)	
God loved his people and sent Jesus to die for them (3:16; 4:10, 14, 19; 5:11)	
Christians have been born of God (2:29; 3:9; 4:7; 5:1, 4, 18)	
God gave Christians life (3:14; 4:9; 5:11, 16)	
God gave Christians the Spirit (2:20, 27; 3:24; 4:13) along with understanding (5:20)	
Christians are of/from God/the truth (3:10, 19; 4:4, 6; 5:19)	
God abides in Christians, and his Word abides in them (2:14, 24, 27; 3:9, 24; 4:12, 13, 15, 16)	Christians abide in God, and thus abide in the light (2:5, 6, 27, 28; 3:6, 24; 4:13, 16)
Christians know God (2:13, 14; 4:6, 7), they know the Father (2:13; 5:20), they know Jesus (1:3; 2:3), and they know the Spirit (4:2, 6)	Christians love God (2:5; 4:21; 5:2, 3)
<p>Because they have been born again, have received the Spirit, abide in God as God abides in them, and know and love God, Christians bear observable fruit. They:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• practice truth/righteousness (1:6; 2:29; 3:7, 10)</li> <li>• walk in the light/as he walked (1:7; 2:6)</li> <li>• confess sins and have forgiveness (1:9; 2:12)</li> <li>• keep/obey his commandments/Word (2:3, 5; 3:22, 24; 5:2, 3)</li> <li>• love one another/the brothers (2:10; 3:10, 11, 14, 16, 18, 23; 4:7, 11, 21)</li> <li>• overcome the evil one/the world (2:13, 14; 4:4; 5:4)</li> <li>• do the will of God/cannot keep on sinning (2:17; 3:9, 22)</li> <li>• confess the Son/believe in Jesus (2:23; 3:23; 4:2, 15; 5:1, 4, 13)</li> </ul>	

*Keep Pressing On!*

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