

Desiring God – Lesson 1 Workbook

Live in the Light

1 John 1:1-4

1. What is being embodied in this text?

2. Who is the Word of Life?

3. John says Jesus has been since “the beginning” and has now been touched and can be testified to. What are some ways you can testify to Jesus’ activity in your own life? In what ways has eternal life appeared to us?

4. Fellowship is most commonly defined as “friendly association, especially with people who share one's interests.” How does this definition apply to the passage?

5. How does this fellowship help to “complete our joy?”

1 John 1:5-7

1. Light and darkness are clearly opposites, but what relationship do sin and forgiveness have? How is light and dark associated with sin and forgiveness?

2. Verse 6 says that if we claim to have fellowship with God but walk in darkness, we are what?

3. When we live a true life, free of darkness/lies, what happens?

1 John 1:8-10

1. Why would we claim to be without sin? We know that no one is perfect, yet we pretend to be so. Why do you think that is?

2. Why must we confess our sins to be "purified from all unrighteousness?"

3. How do our lies affect the Lord's reputation?

4. In what ways can God's Word be "in us?"

Homework

- Memorize 1 John 1:8-10
- Turn and repent of the sin in your life, ask God for forgiveness and then live according to the light that can only come from God.

Desiring God – Lesson 2 Workbook

Light and Darkness

1 John 2

1. What are your first impressions of the passage?

2. Do you have any questions that really stick out?

3. How does this chapter compare to the passage in Matthew we read?

1 John 2:1-14

1. How is Jesus our advocate?

2. What is “the message we have heard”?

3. What might the darkness and the true light represent?

4. What might follow once you are blinded by darkness?

5. How can we shine a light on our own lives?

6. John illustrates that he is writing to three groups of people: the dear children, the fathers, and the young men. What do these groups have in common?

7. John gives two reasons for writing to the dear children. What do you think they mean?

8. John repeats one reason for writing for the fathers. Why do you think this is?

9. John gives four reasons for writing to the young men, one of them being repeated. Do you think that "having overcome the evil one" is the most important?

1 John 2:15-19

1. What is something in your life that you value? Why do you value it?

2. Do you think that it distracts you from your relationship with God?

3. Why does John say that "this is the last hour?"

1 John 2:20-26

1. What does being anointed by God mean to you?

2. What has His anointing taught you? What do you hope you will learn in the future?

Matthew 6:24

1. What other similarities did you identify between Matthew's Gospel and 1 John 2?

2. What is an example of "lust of the flesh"?

3. What is an example of "lust of the eyes"?

4. What is an example of "the pride of life"?

Homework

- Memorize Romans 12:2
- Commit to living all areas of your life devoted to God and His purposes.

Desiring God – Lesson 3 Workbook

Living a Life of Love

Ephesians 2:4-5 and Matthew 5:7

1. How is Matthew 5:7 similar to Ephesians 2:4-5?

2. What's different in this passages?

3. How would you define mercy?

1 John 3

1. What is your impression of the passage?

2. How does it compare with Matthew 5:7 and Ephesians 2:4-5?

1 John 3:1-10

1. What do you think it means to "lavish"?

2. Is the word 'lavished' used here in a physical or metaphorical sense?

3. How do verses 4-6 help you to understand the importance of repentance?

4. What does the word 'righteous' mean to you?

1 John 3:11-24

1. Verse 12 is a shocking example for John to use...why do you think he chooses it?

2. Why is loving each other so important in this passage?

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

1. How do the definitions of love compare?

2. How does this help you better understand 1 John 3:16-18?

3. How do we know that we belong to the truth?

Homework

- Memorize John 17:25
- Make every effort to live a life of love, action and devotion to God.

Desiring God – Lesson 4 Workbook

Christian Love

1 John 4, Hebrews 11

1. Having read this chapter a couple times now, what was your first impression of the passage?

2. What is a question you still have?

3. What are some evident similarities between Hebrews 11 and 1 John 4?

1 John 4:1-6

1. What are some examples of 'false prophets' that have "gone out into the world"?

2. How can you recognize the spirit of God?

3. How would you define the spirit of the antichrist?

4. Who is "the one who is in the world"?

5. What is something that you have recognized as "the Spirit of truth"?

6. What is something you have recognized as "the Spirit of falsehood"?

1 John 4:7-18

1. How did God show His love show among us?

2. Why do you think loving each other is so important?

3. How can we know God lives in us?

4. Why do you think we might need confidence on "the day of judgement"?

5. What do love, and fear have in common? How do they affect us?

1 John 4:19-21

1. Do you agree with verse 20? Why or why not?

2. How have you followed out the command in verse 21 so far?

3. What are things that you can do to continue/start to love your brother and sister in Christ??

Matthew 7:15-23

1. How does this passage relate to 1 John 4:1-6?

2. How does it compare/contrast with Hebrews 11?

3. What are your thoughts on "the antichrist"?

Homework

- Memorize Matthew 7:17
- Contemplate whether you are showing Christian love to others. What actions can you take to improve in this area?

Desiring God – Lesson 5 Workbook

Faith in the Son of God

1 John 5:1-12

1. Let's make an attempt to sum up this section in one word. What word would you choose?

2. The author continues his thoughts on love from 1 John 4. What does our love say about us?

3. What do you think it means to "overcome the world?" How do we do it, according to this passage?

4. John offers three different witnesses to the truth of what he is saying. Who are they?

5. It is Jesus who was born by water and blood — what does that mean?

6. From where do we receive the promise of eternal life from God?

1 John 5:13-21

1. Let's try again to summarize the passage in one word. What word comes to mind?

2. John states the reason he has written in verse 13. What is it?

3. Do you think he's done an adequate job in this letter of proving his argument? Do you even think that's his goal — to prove?

4. There is also some confusing things in this passage — what do you think it means that “there is a sin that leads to death” and John’s advice not to pray about that?

5. According to verse 20, Jesus gives us understanding...what do you think that means??

6. What do you make of John’s final advice to “keep yourselves from idols?”

Homework

- Memorize 1 John 5:2
- Contemplate Jesus faithfulness to you this week.