

► Prepare for Next Week

Read these passages and reflect on these questions to prepare your heart and mind for next week's message.

How I Behave

1 John 2:3-6, 15-17; 3:4-10, 19-22; 5:18-19

1. Summarize the meaning of these passages.
2. How does this teaching apply to me?
3. What step will I take to respond?

“Just so you know...”

Part 2
What I Believe
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► Outline

I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life. **1 John 5:13 (NLT)**

Examine yourselves to see if your faith is genuine. Test yourselves. ... **2 Corinthians 13:5 (NLT)**

And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God's Son does not have life. **1 John 5:11-12 (NLT)**

Eternal life is evidenced by believing... (1 John 1:1-10; 2:1-2; 3:1-3; 5:6-17, 20-21)

1. Jesus is the _____ Son of God
and _____ of eternal life.
(1 John 1:1-4; 5:6-12)



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2. Salvation is _____ of my sins through the _____ of Jesus.
(1 John 1:8-10; 2:1-2)

3. Christians are _____ by God and live in _____ with Him forever.
(1 John 5-7; 3:1-3; 5:13-17; 20-21)

Soul Training

Do I believe the essential facts of the faith? What difference do these beliefs make in my life?

Answers: 1. incarnate, source 2. forgiveness, sacrifice 3. adopted, relationship

Resource Information: Outline and onscreen verses are from NLT version of *The Holy Bible*. C/R refers to a scripture verse cited as a 'cross reference.' Today's outline and discussion guide are available to mobile device users through YouVersion Events. Visit bible.com/app to download the free app.

► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself, with a friend, or in a group as you pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus this week.

Opening

Describe a time when you were recently overwhelmed with joy.

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

1. List the names, titles and metaphors used to describe Jesus in 1 John 1:1-10. Which one is especially meaningful to you?
2. John declares that God is light. What are some parallels we can draw between light and God?
3. What does it mean for us to *walk in the light*?
4. How would you summarize 1 John 1:5-10 in a sentence or two?
5. What are some reasons we aren't honest with God?
6. Why does denying our sin make God out to be a liar (vs. 10)?
7. What are specific ways Jesus is our advocate in 1 John 2:1-2?
8. What steps is God leading you to take from this message in 1 John?

Daily Reading

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| Day 1: 1 John 1:1-10 | Day 4: Romans 3:21-31 |
| Day 2: John 1:1-18 | Day 5: Galatians 3:23-29 |
| Day 3: Psalm 51:1-12 | Day 6: 1 John 5:6-12 |

Memory Verse: 1 John 5:11-12 (NLT)

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