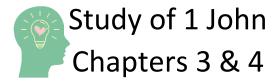


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Northway Christian Family Church 2021

Dear Church Family,

Let's continue our Mending and Sending Journey and our in-depth study of 1 John. In chapters 3 and 4, we will focus on the topic of LOVE. Each week we will follow this plan for our Bible study:

- 1. What word or phrase jumped out at me as I read this passage?
- 2. Read the passage of the week multiple times in at least 2 different Bible translations (if possible).
- 3. Use a highlighter to mark the key words: light, love and life.
- 4. Based on the passage of Scripture, answer the Reflection Questions listed on the next page.
- 5. Participate in Connection Night/Groups & Sunday's services and take notes on the message.
- 6. Journal prayers, insights and thoughts on the passage.
- 7. Share what you are leaning with a brother or sister in Christ.

Thanks for taking this journey with us in 2021!

Pastors John & Jen

Bible Study Reflection/Discussion Questions

- 1. What word or phrase jumped out at me as I read this passage?
- 2. What excites, encourages or inspires me about the passage?
- 3. What challenges, jolts, confuses or even offends me about the passage?
- 4. What does the passage tell me about the essence of God or the nature of Jesus?
- 5. What will I do with what I just heard/learned in the next seven days?



Scripture Passage



1 John 3:1-3, NLT

¹See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are! But the people who belong to this world don't recognize that we are God's children because they don't know him. ²Dear friends, we are already God's children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is. ³ And all who have this eager expectation will keep themselves pure, just as he is pure.

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Scripture Passage



1 John 3:4-10, NLT

⁴Everyone who sins is breaking God's law, for all sin is contrary to the law of God. ⁵ And you know that Jesus came to take away our sins, and there is no sin in him. ⁶ Anyone who continues to live in him will not sin. But anyone who keeps on sinning does not know him or understand who he is. ⁷ Dear children, don't let anyone deceive you about this: When people do what is right, it shows that they are righteous, even as Christ is righteous. ⁸ But when people keep on sinning, it shows that they belong to the devil, who has been sinning since the beginning. But the Son of God came to destroy the works of the devil. ⁹ Those who have been born into God's family do not make a practice of sinning, because God's life is in them. So they can't keep on sinning, because they are children of God. ¹⁰ So now we can tell who are children of God and who are children of the devil. Anyone who does not live righteously and does not love other believers does not belong to God.

Reflection Question Answers & Sermon Notes

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of my life where I "keep on sinning"? When I am RD, do I have people in my life who can help me ge

Scripture Passage



1 John 3:11-15, NLT

Poflaction Question Answers & Sermon Notes

¹¹ This is the message you have heard from the beginning: We should love one another. ¹²We must not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and killed his brother. And why did he kill him? Because Cain had been doing what was evil, and his brother had been doing what was righteous. ¹³ So don't be surprised, dear brothers and sisters, if the world hates you. ¹⁴ If we love our brothers and sisters who are believers, it proves that we have passed from death to life. But a person who has no love is still dead. ¹⁵ Anyone who hates another brother or sister is really a murderer at heart. And you know that murderers don't have eternal life within them.

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1 John 3:16-22, NLT

¹⁶We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion—how can God's love be in that person? ¹⁸ Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions. ¹⁹ Our actions will show that we belong to the truth, so we will be confident when we stand before God. ²⁰ Even if we feel guilty, God is greater than our feelings, and he knows everything. ²¹ Dear friends, if we don't feel guilty, we can come to God with bold confidence. ²² And we will receive from him whatever we ask because we obey him and do the things that please him.

Reflection Question Answers & Sermon Notes

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Application: What might it look like	e for me to "give up my life" for someone this week?

Scripture Passage



1 John 3:23-24, NLT

²³ And this is his commandment: We must believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as he commanded us. ²⁴ Those who obey God's commandments remain in fellowship with him, and he with them. And we know he lives in us because the Spirit he gave us lives in us.

Reflection Question Answers & Sermon Notes		
Application: Do I really BELIEVE in the name of Jesus? Do I really LOVE others? What evidence from my life could be presented to support this?		

Scripture Passage



1 John 4:1-3, NLT

Dear friends, do not believe everyone who claims to speak by the Spirit. You must test them to see if the spirit they have comes from God. For there are many false prophets in the world. ²This is how we know if they have the Spirit of God: If a person claiming to be a prophet acknowledges that Jesus Christ came in a real body, that person has the Spirit of God. ³But if someone claims to be a prophet and does not acknowledge the truth about Jesus, that person is not from God. Such a person has the spirit of the Antichrist, which you heard is coming into the world and indeed is already here.

Reflection Question Answers & Sermon Notes
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Application: How can I get better at discerning whether or not something is from God?

Scripture Passage



1 John 4:4-6, NLT

⁴But you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory over those people, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world. ⁵Those people belong to this world, so they speak from the world's viewpoint, and the world listens to them. ⁶But we belong to God, and those who know God listen to us. If they do not belong to God, they do not listen to us. That is how we know if someone has the Spirit of truth or the spirit of deception.

Reflection Question Answers & Sermon Notes
Application: How can I know for sure whether or not I BELONG to God?

Scripture Passage



1 John 4:7-10, NLT

⁷Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. ⁸But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. ¹⁰This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

Reflection Question Answers & Sermon Notes			
Application: How can I know for sure that God LOVES me? Why Is it so important tha I have this certainty?			

Scripture Passage



1 John 4:11-16, NLT

¹¹ Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. ¹² No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us. ¹³ And God has given us his Spirit as proof that we live in him and he in us. ¹⁴ Furthermore, we have seen with our own eyes and now testify that the Father sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ All who declare that Jesus is the Son of God have God living in them, and they live in God. ¹⁶ We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.

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Application: In what do I tend to put God's love?	my trust? How car	I demonstrate my trust in