

“LIVING IN THE LIGHT”

Children of God #7

INTRODUCTION

When we began our series on 1 John, we considered what it means to walk in the light. During the course of our study we found that how we love and how we relate to others are integral parts of our walk. As we conclude this week we will consider how we can live in the light of God’s love, and what it will take to complete our life’s journey walking as Children of God.

Ice Breaker (Optional): What is the longest distance you have walked at one time?

STUDY QUESTIONS (45 MIN)

Live in OBEDIENCE.

Q1. Read 1 John 5:1-3; John 15:10; Matthew 28:18-20

Throughout John’s epistle one theme is clearly evident, we are to love God and love others. Look at how closely the love of God is tied to our love for other believers in 1 John 5:1-2. Obedience to God’s commandments is also essential in our expression of love. What reassurance do we find at the conclusion of 1 John 5:3? What are some of the things in Matthew 28:18-20 that relieve the burden of keeping God’s commandments? What are some things that can cause us to feel that keeping God’s commandments are burdensome?

Live in VICTORY.

Q2. Read 1 John 5:4-5; 1 John 4:4; 1 Corinthians 15:56-57; Romans 6:23

Key to our living as children of God is recognizing that we are already victorious. How does 1 John 5:4-5 explain the source of our victory? 1 Corinthians 15:56 tells us that if there were no sin, there would be no death. Man’s transgression of the law (sin) gives death its lawful power (Romans 6:23). But what good news do we have in 1 Corinthians 15:57? Are there any areas of your life that you want to experience greater victory?

Live in HOPE.

Q3. Read 1 John 5:11-12; John 10:10

The hope of the believer is a “confident expectation of things to come.” What is the hope we have that will help us stay the course (1 John 5:11-12)? The eternal life we have begins, not when we die, but when we are born again. Jesus describes that as having a full and abundant life. What do you feel makes a life “full and abundant”?

Live in CONFIDENCE.

Q4. Read 1 John 5:13-21; John 10:28; 1 John 5:14

In 1 John 5:13, as John closes his epistle, he tells us why it was written. What was his purpose? In the final verses he reassures the readers by telling them six times what “*we know*.” As you read through this passage with your group, stop to recognize each thing that John included as things “we know”. Which do you find gives you the most confidence in living as a child of God in the light of His love?

WRAP-UP

We are children of God, called to walk in the light of His love. To continue that walk throughout our lives we will need to live in obedience to his commandments, live in the victory over sin and death that Jesus has given us, recognize the hope of an abundant and full eternal life and place our confidence firmly in God’s great and precious promises to us.

Memory Verse

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. 1 John 5:13 ESV

PRAYER (20 MIN)

*Ask your group to pray for you regarding one area where you can apply this study in your life: _____
Pray for your group members’ needs:*

Challenge: Arrange your days this week so that you are experiencing a full and abundant life as a child of God living in His light.

