



Sermon Discussion Curriculum

Week 2 – 1 John 2:7-14 – September 6, 2020

The goal of this time is to have quality connection and time together. Choose questions from Know, Grow and Show that will best help your group discuss the passage and take their next steps of faith. Don't feel like you have to use all of the questions. Feel free to add your own too! We are praying for you as you lead your D-Group this week!

Helpful Resources for Studying 1 John

- *RightNow Media Study with Tony Evans* – <http://bit.ly/123JohnTonyEvans>
- *The BibleProject Video* – <http://bit.ly/BibleProject1John>
- *John's Letters: Discovering Genuine Christianity* – <http://bit.ly/JohnsLetters>



KNOW:

- Have you ever had an experience where you engulfed in darkness? So dark that you could not even see where you are going? How did being blinded by darkness make you feel?
- Do you have an old family motto by which you live? Perhaps an old saying that has guided you or your family. What makes an "old commandment" special?
- Most news today is pretty negative. What is a story you've heard recently of someone showing love in a way that it brought light to a dark place?



GROW:

- Read **1 John 2:7-14** as a D-Group. As you listen to it being read, highlight, circle, or underline something that sticks out to you. What question comes to mind as you read. Write it in your Bible or in the notes of your Bible app. Share that question with your D-Group.
- In vs. **9-11**, John associates loving our brother with living in the light and hating our brother as being blinded by darkness. Why does he use this analogy? What does it tell us about our identity in Christ?
- The Greek word for “brother” in verse 9 is adelphon, which means, “a brother, member of the same religious community, especially a fellow-Christian.” What is particularly hard about Christians refusing to love one another?
- The phrases of truth Paul writes in verses **12-14** create a picture of intimacy with God. In what ways does a person establish and maintain intimacy with God on a daily basis? Describe the heart attitude of a person who is close to God.



SHOW:

- Verses **12-14** are a rhythm of declaration. Is there one declaration that impacts you more than the others? How do you cling to that truth this week? Is there anything in your life that needs to shift because of this truth?
- Take a few minutes to consider your own life. Where do you need to repent and ask for God’s grace to change your heart and help you love others? Consider sharing that with someone in your D-Group and asking them to pray with you.
- Often Christians find bitterness, resentment, or even hatred in their hearts but it isn’t necessarily expressed outwardly in words or actions. Do you feel this now or have you felt this in the past? What was a good next step for you? In what ways do Christians failing to love one another have a negative impact on the Kingdom of God? What are some ways we can choose to intentionally show love toward our brothers even in the midst of disagreement?