

► Prepare for Next Week

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

What the Spirit Does

1 John 2:18-29; 4:1-6, 13-16

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 4
Whom I Love
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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)**

If someone says, “I love God,” but hates a fellow believer, that person is a liar; for if we don't love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we cannot see? And he has given us this command: Those who love God must also love their fellow believers. **1 John 4:20-21 (NLT)**

Eternal life is evidenced by ...

(1 John 2:7-11; 3:11-18; 4:7-21; 5:1-5. C/R: John 13:34-35)

1. Loving _____ and _____.
(1 John 2:7-11; 4:7-12; 5:1-5)

2. Rejecting jealousy and _____.
(1 John 3:11-15. C/R: Gen. 4:1-8; Heb. 11:4; Matt. 5:21-22)



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3. Self-_____ actions.

(1 John 3:16-18. C/R: John 15:12-13)

4. Confident expectation of _____.

(1 John 4:16-19)

Soul Training

Do my relationships with other people reflect faith in Jesus Christ?

Answers: 1. God, people 2. resentment 3. sacrificing 4. judgment

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

What are your top three character traits of a good friend?

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

1. How would you summarize 1 John 2:7-11?
2. What does John mean when he says *the darkness is disappearing, and the true light is already shining* (vs. 8)?
3. What are several ways John describes what real love looks like (*and what it doesn't look like*) in 1 John 3:11-18?
4. How could you love someone this week according to the definition given in 1 John 3:16-18?
5. Make a list of things that are true about love in 1 John 4:7-21. Which truth is most meaningful to you right now? Why?
6. What does it mean to *live in God*?
7. How is fear related to love?
8. Read 1 John 5:1-5. What are you doing in your life right now to develop and deepen your love for God?

Daily Reading

Day 1: 1 John 2:7-11

Day 4: 1 John 5:1-5

Day 2: 1 John 3:11-18

Day 5: John 13:34-35

Day 3: 1 John 4:7-21

Day 6: Romans 13:8-10

Memory Verse: 1 John 4:20 (NLT)

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