

The Abiding Life

Discussion Guide

Week of September 10

Created for Eternal Life and Everlasting Love

Scripture verse: 1 John 1:1-4

LOOKING BACK:

1. Last week we scheduled time in our day to confess our sins? Were you able to make daily confession part of your daily routine?
2. What was the outcome of this action on your heart, your mindset, your actions?

OPENING QUESTION: Can you think of a family story your relatives share that you were around to experience? Maybe it's a love story or war story that's been repeated so often, you're passionate about it, too.

LOOKING UP:

1. Have someone in the group read 1 John 1:1-4
2. What do you think John is trying to convey in this passage? If you were summarizing these verses into one sentence for a non-believer, what would you tell them John is trying to share?
3. Can you name John's emotions in these verses? Does he seem apathetic or excited? Passionate or passive? If you had been a fly on the wall to witness John

expressing his thoughts, what would his demeanor have been?

4. Continue by answering questions 1 & 2. Following that continue re-reading the passage in different translation and answer questions 3 & 4.

<p>READ THE PASSAGE</p> <p>1 John 1:1-4</p> <p>Answer the first 2 questions after reading the passage</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1.2. What stood out to you most?2. What was challenging or hard to understand?3. What does this teach us about God?4. What does this teach us about people?	<p>RE-READ THE PASSAGE</p> <p>Read the passage again using another Bible translation... then answer the last 2 questions</p>
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LOOKING FORWARD:

1. When a story is being retold, what factors lead you to believe it's authenticity? *For many, it's having an eyewitness. Hearsay doesn't gather nearly as much confidence as hearing facts given from someone who was at the actual event.*
2. Have someone reread 1 John 1:3. What did John experience?
3. What is John trying to convince us is needed (with Christ and with others) as followers of Christ?
4. Gathering in groups of two or three, share some ideas for fellowshiping with Jesus in the coming week. What will fellowship with other Christians look like? Commit to holding one another accountable this week so this fellowship can *make our joy complete* as John spoke about in this passage.