

IN THE LIGHT

THE LETTERS
OF JOHN



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CERTAINTY THROUGH EXPERIENCE

HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH GOD IS GENUINE?

Gaining certainty about Jesus through an experience with Him.

1 John 1:1-2

John 9:25

*"Faith = the _____ meeting the
_____."* *JD Greear*

**ARE YOU WILLING TO _____ YOUR
_____?**

1 John 1:3

Fellowship = Koinonia

**THE _____ JESUS DID POINTED TO
A MUCH HIGHER REALITY:
LIFE IN GOD, A LIFE YOU CAN SHARE IN.**

John 6: The feeding of the 5,000

John 4: The woman at the well

Mark 4: Jesus calming the storm

Matthew 9: The woman with constant bleeding

Mark 8: The blind man healed in 2 stages

1 John 2:20, 22, 26-27

John Calvin’s “sensus divinitatis”

John 10:27

Ephesians 3:16-18

1 John 5:14-15

**HOW CAN I EXPERIENCE MOMENTS OF
“FELLOWSHIP” WITH GOD?**

1. Put yourself in the _____ of His _____.

“The Bible is like a caged lion; if someone doesn’t believe the lion is real, don’t stand there and defend the lion verbally; open the cage.”

Martin Luther

2. _____ for it.

3. Just _____ !

1 John 3:24

1 John 2:5

Fill in the blanks: unexplainable, undeniable, doubt, doubts, miracles, presence, Word, Pray, obey

This Study Guide will help you go deeper throughout the week with daily scripture reading and questions for your own personal reflection and application. It is also designed to be used for discussion with your family, friends, and Life Group.

OPEN UP

Think of one word to describe how you were as a child. Share with your group why you chose that word.

CHILDREN OF GOD (3:1-10)

Why do you think John emphasizes that we are children of God? How does that make you feel?

How have you experienced God's lavish love for you this week (3:1)?

From what you see in 3:2, what do we learn about what we will be like in heaven?

How would you bring together what John says in 3:4-10 with what he wrote in 1 John 2:1-2? What are the most important perspectives about sin that we gain from these?

LOVE ONE ANOTHER (3:11-24)

Notice the two “hates” in verse 13 and 15. From what you see here and the rest of the letter, what is the source of each one?

How would you explain verse 16 to a young child?

What are some specific ways John’s teaching in 3:21-24 can lead you to experience more peace, freedom, and joy in your life?

APPLY

If God had written this chapter just for you, which words or phrases do you think He would have underlined?

CHALLENGE

Identify one specific person that you will put into practice “Jesus-like love” this week? With your family or friend? In your neighborhood? At work, school or church? With a difficult person? With a person in need? Who will it be and how will you demonstrate it?

This Week’s Bible Reading

Day 1 - 1 John 3:1-3

Day 2 - 1 John 3:4-9

Day 3 - 1 John 3:10-15

Day 4 - 1 John 3:16-18

Day 5 - 1 John 3:19-24

SOAP Study

The SOAP study method is a simple, yet powerful tool to help guide you into deeper understanding and life application of the Bible. There is a section in the Growth Binder that introduces you to this method and provides pages to help you get the most out of your personal Bible study.