



DISRUPTION

The Word became flesh and blood,
and moved into the **neighborhood**. John 1:14 (The Message)

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor. Luke 4:18-19

For God so **loved** the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

LOVE DISRUPTS SO THAT HOPE CAN SPRING UP

1 John 4:7-21

SPEAK LOVE. SHOW LOVE. DISRUPT THEIR LIVES.

WHO ARE YOUR NEIGHBORS?

PURPOSE CHURCH



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

Who is someone that exhibited true love to you? Describe what they did.

OVERVIEW

Many times we rob ourselves of the discovery of deeper truths in Scripture because we see a passage and say to ourselves, "I already know that." Which teachings in this chapter might be easiest for you to overlook?

THE SPIRITS OF TRUTH AND ERROR (1-6)

Looking at verses 1-3, what is the most important result to look for in testing the spirits?

What confidence do you gain from the truth John teaches in verses 4-6?

GOD'S LOVE AND OURS (7-19)

Is the love discussed here more of an action or a feeling? What does this tell you about love?

From verses 8-15, what do you learn about the relationship between the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit? About their relationship with us?

In verse 18, look at what John tells us about perfect love and fear. What are some fears you face? How could these be overcome with love?

APPLY

What influences in your life will you “put to the test” this week to see whether they are from God?

CHALLENGE

What fear will you ask God to help you overcome this week?

This Week's Bible Reading

Day 1 - 1 John 4:1-3

Day 2 - 1 John 4:4-6

Day 3 - 1 John 4:7-12

Day 4 - 1 John 4:13-18

Day 5 - 1 John 4:19-21

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.