

Beach Retreat 2026

1 John | 6 Sessions | Theme Verse: 1 John 2:6

whoever says he abides in him, ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

Session 1 | Thursday PM

Scripture: 1 John 1:1-10

Main Idea: Following Jesus is something that we experience, not just know and is a continual pursuit after salvation.

Small Group Guide:

- Take a few moments and introduce yourself and allow time for students to introduce themselves.
- Explain that after each session during Beach Retreat you'll get together in these groups and discuss the message, and their thoughts, questions, etc.
- Questions:
 - o What does it mean that knowing Jesus is something that we experience?
 - o Why does John say he is writing this letter (verse 4)?
 - o What does the word 'fellowship' mean in verses 3,5,&6?
 - o How can we have fellowship with God?
 - o What does it mean to confess our sins?
 - o Confessing sin is not just something that we do at salvation, are there sins that you need to confess to tonight?

Supplemental Reading/ Quiet Time Reading: 1 John 2:7-14

Session 2 | Friday PM

Scripture: 1 John 2:1-6

Main Idea: Jesus is the propitiation for our sin and changes our lives forever.

Small Group Guide:

- Questions:
 - o 'My little children'- why does John use these words?
 - o What reason does John give for writing this letter in verse 1?
 - o What does it mean that Jesus is the 'propitiation' for our sins?
 - o How can we know that we have fellowship with God?
 - o Are you abiding with Jesus?

Supplemental Reading/ Quiet Time Reading: 1 John 2:18-26

Session 3 | Saturday AM

Scripture: 1 John 2:15-17

Main Idea: The world promises life, but only fellowship in the light brings life.

Small Group Guide:

Questions:

- What does it mean to love the world?
- What words or phrases stand out to you the most in these passages?
- What temptations are described in these verses?
- Which one do you struggle with the most?
- In what ways are you loving the world right now?
- What does it mean that the world is passing away?

Session 4 | Saturday PM

Scripture: 1 John 3:1-10

Main Idea: The children of God pursue righteousness and run from sin.

Small Group Guide:

Questions:

- What kind of love has the Father given the children of God? (verse 1)
- Is anyone sinless?
- What does verse 6 mean for 'habitual' sin?
- What is 'God's seed' in verse 9?
- How does the Holy Spirit help believers conquer sin?
- What sins do you need to move away from right now?

Supplemental Reading/ Quiet Time Reading: 1 John 3:11-22, 1 John 4:1-12

Session 5 | Sunday AM

Scripture: 1 John 4:13

Main Idea: The Spirit gives us confidence that we are abiding in Jesus.

Small Group Guide:

Questions:

- Who is the Holy Spirit?
- What are His roles in our life?
- What does it mean 'whoever' in verse 15?
- Have you ever doubted that you are a believer in Jesus?
- What makes you sure that you are one?
- What does it look like for you to abide in Him this summer and next semester?

Session 6 | Sunday PM

Scripture: 1 John 5:13-21

Main Idea: This is how you know that you know Jesus- we believe in the propitiation, we walk in the light, the Spirit testifies to this Salvation.

Small Group Guide:

Questions:

- What does it mean for you to believe in the name of the Son of God?
- How do I know that I have been saved/have eternal salvation?
- What are your thoughts on chapter 5 verse 20?
- What are your take aways from this trip?

Supplemental Reading/ Quiet Time Reading: 1 John 5:1-12