



JOURNEY GROUPS

AUGUST 30 DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

STUDY

Digging Deeper into 1 John 5:13–21:

1. Let's do a walking-tour review of the letter of 1 John and hit some highlights.
 - Have someone read 1 John 1:5–2:4.
 - Have someone read 1 John 2:9–11.
 - Have someone read 1 John 2:15–17.
 - Have someone read 1 John 3:1, 11, 16–18.
 - Have someone read 1 John 4:7–11.
 - Finally, have someone read 1 John 5:5, 10–12.
2. As you listened and read those verses, what themes stuck out to you?
3. From the sermon on Sunday, in what ways is our world and culture different from John's original audience who received this letter? And in what ways are we similar?
4. Have someone read 1 John 5:13–21.
5. What is the definition of assurance?
6. How does John seek to assure us in his letter?
7. **Reread verse 13.** From the sermon, what does it mean to believe in the name of the Son of God?
8. **Read verses 14–15.** Why is prayer important in our relationship with God?
9. Why can we approach God with confidence?
10. How can prayer help us become 'your will be done' kind of people?

11. **Read verses 16-17.** What should be our first reaction when we hear of a brother or sister struggling with a sin? What should be our last reaction?
12. **Read verses 18-21.** What do we learn about the enemy in these verses?
13. John lays it out very plainly: 'the whole world is under the control of the devil,' but we are set apart. We are God's children. How can we not lose sight that this world is hostile territory? How can we stay in the world, but not be of the world?
14. **Reread verse 20.** How does this verse sum up the entire letter?
15. On Sunday, Matt talked about being stuck in a dark cave. How does this verse bring light to those stuck in confusing and chaotic darkness?
16. Why is Verse 21 such a great end to this letter? What idols do you have to be on guard against?

PRAYER

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