



JOURNEY GROUPS

JUNE 14 DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

STUDY

Digging Deeper into 1 John 2:12-14:

1. Have someone read 1 John 1:5-7. This is the key verse for the first half of John's letter.
2. Have someone, or maybe a couple of people, read 1 John 1:5 through 1 John 2:14. As the scripture is read, be on the lookout for the different times when John is calling out gaps between what we claim or say and how we actually live. Once the scripture is read, make a group list of all the gaps John targets.
3. Why is it important to keep evaluating ourselves to see if we are self-deceived or to see if there are areas we are walking in darkness?
4. On Sunday, Matt gave a couple of examples of darkness that we need to be on the lookout for: 1) treating sin lightly is darkness, 2) confessing but not repenting can be a form of darkness, 3) claiming that Jesus is Lord but knowingly ignoring or violating commands from Scripture, 4) not loving our neighbors, harboring hatred, judgment, or resentment towards them, gossiping about them - these are all types of darkness.
5. Can we think of any other potential darkness that could trip us up as we strive to walk in the light?
6. Is there a form of darkness we listed that you personally struggle with? How can you renounce that and walk in the light?
7. Have someone read 1 John 2:12-14. John gives us quick encouragement, and we also see a progression of spiritual growth accompanied by some amazing blessings.

8. What do 'little children' or new believers have as their key blessings?
9. What key victories do the young men in the faith have?
10. What does John say about the mature?
11. What is the key that we talked about on Sunday that helps grow us from little children into 'young men' of the faith?
12. How does God's Word contribute to spiritual strength according to **vs. 14**?
13. What do you see when you look at your Bible? If you look at your Bible and see the word of God, how do you approach it? Do you prioritize reading it?
14. What do you need to do to leave the darkness behind, walk in the light, and, specifically, is there anything God is calling you to do to kickstart your growth or to make your relationship with Him a priority?
15. Let's look a little deeper at the text. What reasons does John give for writing to his readers in **verses 12-14**? Why do you think he wants to write?
16. According to **verse 12**, on what basis are believers forgiven?
17. Why might John address "children," "fathers," and "young men" separately?
18. Where do you think you are in your spiritual development as it relates to these verses?
19. How can spiritually mature believers ("fathers") benefit the church community?
20. How can spiritually strong believers ("young men") contribute to the church?
21. How does knowing God influence decisions made at work, school, or home?
22. How does spiritual identity impact emotional and mental well-being?
23. What evidence in your life suggests that God's Word is abiding in you?
24. In what ways have you experienced victory over the evil one recently?

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