

NEW CREATION CHURCH

Small Group Guide

Week of May 31, 2026

1 John – Part 4

(Based on May 24, 2026 Teaching)

Key Scripture Passages

- 1 John 2:12-14

Key Takeaways

1. **Three Stages of Spiritual Development:**
 - **Little Children:** Know that their sins are forgiven; learning to know the Father
 - **Young Men:** Strong, the Word abides in them, they overcome the wicked one
 - **Fathers:** Have known Him from the beginning; characterized by consistency
2. **Spiritual Maturity:** True maturity is measured not by dramatic victories but by consistently knowing God more deeply over time.
3. **The Word Abiding in Us:** Growth comes from regularly consuming God's Word, meditating on it, praying it, and acting on it.

Discussion Questions

1. What does it mean that our sins are forgiven "for His name's sake" rather than for our own sake? How does this change our perspective?
2. The message emphasized that "the Word of God abides in you" is key to the young men stage. What does it mean for God's Word to "abide" in you versus just reading it occasionally?
3. For the mature believers (fathers), the defining characteristic is that "you have known Him from the beginning." What does consistency in knowing God look like practically in daily life?
4. Read Philippians 3:7-11. How does Paul's attitude about "knowing Christ" challenge your own priorities and pursuits?
5. In the message, Pastor Moses stated: "True spiritual maturity is not measured only by the drama, by the theater, by the size of your victories, by anything else. It's measured by knowing Him." How does this differ from what our culture (or even church culture) often celebrates?
6. What is one practical step you can take this week to move forward in your spiritual development, regardless of which stage you're in?

Practical Application

Choose one action:

- Practice thanking God daily that your sins are forgiven "for His name's sake"
- Share with one person this week what God is teaching you
- Choose one verse this week to memorize and pray back to God daily

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- Identify one area where you can act on God's Word (forgiveness, generosity, evangelism, etc.)
- Ask God to show you where you can exercise spiritual authority in Jesus' name
- Reflect on your consistency in knowing God - are there areas where you've drifted?
- Pray for fresh revelation of who God is, not just what He does

Prayer Focus

- Thank God for forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help God's Word abide richly in each person
- Pray for consistency in knowing God, regardless of circumstances
- Pray for spiritual growth for each person in the group
- Ask God to raise up spiritually mature believers in your church and community

Remember: The goal is not to rush through stages but to grow consistently in knowing God. There is no condemnation - only invitation to deeper relationship with Him!