



1 JOHN

LIGHT • LIFE • LOVE

STUDIES 5-6

Term Outline

Sunday	Text	Title
20 th July	1:1-4	Light, Life & Love
27 th July	1:5-2:2	Cleansed by the Light
3 rd August	2:3-14	Walk in the Light
10 th August	2:15-27	Do not love the World
17 th August	2:28-3:12	Does what we do Matter?
24 th August	3:13-24	Love one another
<i>25th August Christianity Explored starts</i>		
31 st August	4:1-6	Hear God's Spirit
7 th September	4:7-21	God is Love
14 th September	5:1-12	Born of Love to Love
<i>14th September - GG Leaders meeting on Sunday at 11:50am</i>		
21 st September	5:13-21	Certain Life

Week 5 Sermon Notes: Does what we do matter?

1 John 2:28-3:12

Something that struck me from God's word to share with GG...

Week 5 Does what we do matter?

1 John 2:28-3:12

Getting Started:

Share an occasion where you were struck by the family likeness between a child and their parent?

Pray for understanding as we read God's word.

What is God saying?

Read 1 John 2:28-3:12

Notice each time the language of being children and childbirth is used.
What is John saying about who we are?

In 1 John 2:28-3:3

What confidence does this identity give us now and for the future, before God and before the world?

In 1 John 3:4-12

What distinctions does John describe between the children of God and the children of the devil (Use the table below)

Children of God	Children of the Devil

How are your understandings of both righteousness and sin shaped and deepened here?

Why is God saying this?

How has Jesus moved us from being children of the devil to children of God? How does God see us now in him?

How may we be strengthened and encouraged by God's word, even as we still commit sins but do not 'keep on sinning' (see also already in 1:8 – 2:2)?

In what ways might you be challenged today: to pursue righteousness, or confess sin; that you are like Jesus, or might long to be more like him?

How do you feel about the divide described between knowing God, and the world not knowing you? And your experience of it?

Prayer Starters

- Thank God he didn't just love us through forgiveness, but into his family
- Pray that by God's Spirit at work what we think, say and do may reflect the one to whose family we belong
- Pray for the Spirit's insight into those things we should do that we do not, and those things we should not that we do

Growing Growth Group Suggestion

Share something you've read or listened to that you've found helpful for 'remaining in Jesus' that others may benefit from.

Are there any people I should follow up this week?

Week 6 Sermon Notes: Love one another
1 John 3:13-24

Something that struck me from God's word to share with GG...

Week 6: Love one another

1 John 3:11-24

Getting Started:

What are some of the different ways you hear people use the word 'love'?

Pray for understanding as we read God's word.

What is God saying?

Read 1 John 3:10-18

Describe the divide between the children of God and the children of the devil (vv10-15).

How does Jesus' death on the cross show us what love is? What does it look like to 'know' love, and not 'know' it?

Read 1 John 3:19-24

As we love in deed and truth, what impact does it have on us, and our prayers?

How should we understand the interplay of our hearts, the commandments, love and living in him?

Why is God saying this?

What have you noticed about righteousness and what it looks like in our relationships? And how they look when it is absent?

How have you been challenged to think about your relationships with other Christians? And those who are not Christians

How should our confidence before God shape our prayers?

Prayer Starters

- Thank God for his love displayed in Jesus' laying down his life for us
- Pray God's Spirit would enable us to love each other with the love with which he's loved us
- Pray God may shape our hearts so that our prayers align with his heart

Growing Growth Group Suggestion

Share with one another a ministry you are involved with and prayer suggestions for it (either one at church or beyond) and pray together. You may have time for one or two but can do others in the future.

Are there any people I should follow up this week?



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