

Personal/ Small Group Sermon Study

Fellowship! It is More Essential Than You Realize.

Week of January 10, 2021 A.D.

Read 1 John 1:1-4

1. When and how did your life begin? Were you personally involved in making the decision that you should be born? If so, how? If not, why not? Refer to verse 1. How and when did Jesus come into existence? Was Jesus personally involved in making the decision that Jesus would be born as a human? If so, (a) how was Jesus involved? and (b) why did he agree to become a human? and (c) how has the “human life” of Jesus affected your life, if at all? Please explain your answers.
2. When you meditate on these four verses, do you sense that John was “amazed” by the life of Jesus? Have you ever been amazed with Jesus? If so, when, how, and why? If not, why not? If so, (a) are you still amazed with Jesus? and (b) how has that amazement changed your life? Please explain the reasons for your answers.
3. In your opinion, was it easier for John to “believe in Jesus” for John’s eternal salvation than it is today for you (or anybody for that matter) to “believe in Jesus” for eternal salvation? Please explain the reasons for your answers.
4. In 1 John 1:1, John calls Jesus “the Word of life”. Read the gospel of John 1:1-3. Next, read Genesis 1:3, 6, 9, 14, 20, 24. Do words have power? Please explain the reasons for your answer and give an illustration to support your answer.

Read Hebrews 4:12-13

5. Please explain the meaning of these verses.
6. In your opinion, are these verses true and accurate 100% of the time. Please explain the reasons for your answer.
7. Based on these verses, how important is it for a person to read, study, and apply the teaching of the Bible every day? Please explain the reasons for your answer.

Read 1 John 1:1

8. Is Jesus “the Word of life”? In your opinion, does God want His supernatural power (i.e., the Holy Spirit) to be seen and experienced in your life daily? Are you “amazed” with Jesus every day? Do you read, study, and apply the teaching of the Bible every day? Are your answers to these questions consistent with one another? If not, why not? Please state any changes which you plan to make in your life based on your answers to these questions.

Read 1 John 1:2

9. Who or what is “the eternal life”? Please express in your own words the message and/or meaning that John is conveying to us in this verse.

Read 1 John 1:3

10. How do the statements which are “proclaimed” by John in verses 1-2 present to you (and everybody) the opportunity to have fellowship with John and all believers?
11. Can a person have fellowship with believers without also having fellowship with the Father and his Son, Jesus Christ”? In your opinion, must a person experience “fellowship” both with God and with other believers in order to be a Christian? Please explain the reasons for your answers.

Read 1 John 1:4

12. Did John live an easy life as a disciple of Christ? Did John live a life of joy? Does God want and expect every Christian to live a life of joy? If not, why not? If so, (a) what actions must be taken to live a life of joy? and (b) when are you going to take those actions? Please explain the reasons for your answers.

Consider: If we want to experience the joy of the Lord in our life on earth, we should allow ourselves to be continuously amazed by Jesus; and, we should pursue, enjoy, and cherish our fellowship with Jesus and with other believers.