

Personal/ Small Group Sermon Study

Pursuing The Truth! It Is The Foundation Of Your Relationship With Christ.

Week of February 21, 2021 A.D.

Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Let's talk about that in this study.

Read 1 John 1:5-7

1. What does John literally mean when John says, "God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all"? Please describe the image which appears in your mind when you envision "God is light." Please describe your emotions in response to that image.
2. Why did God give to humans the capacity to experience and to express emotions? Does God have emotions? If not, why not? If so, please describe if and/or how God expresses his emotions to and with humans?
3. In verse 5, John announces that John has a message from God. Are verses 6 and 7 part of that same message? Do you believe that all of the statements made in verses 5-7 are true? Please explain your answers and the reasons for your answers.
4. Refer to the verses at 1 John 1:3, 4, and 6. What is fellowship? How important is "fellowship" in: (a) the daily lives of the people of any given culture or society? and (b) your life? In your answers, please explain the benefits of having fellowship with other people and the negative effects of not having fellowship with other people.
5. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: "In heaven, everybody will enjoy and experience perfect unity and fellowship with one another. In hell, there will not be any unity or fellowship with anybody."
6. Refer to verse 6. What does it mean to "walk in the darkness"? Do the majority of the people whom you know "walk in the darkness"? Is walking in darkness a personal choice? If so, why do the people who walk in the darkness choose to do so? Please explain the reasons for your answers.

7. What is “truth”? Is truth of any (a) value? (b) benefit? and/or (c) importance? Please explain the reasons for your answers.
8. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: “Truth is an objective standard by which all of reality is to be measured.”
9. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: “Truth is God’s point of view on any subject.”
10. Refer to verses 5 and 7. Do the followers of Christ have an obligation to seek and to create opportunities to “have fellowship with one another”? What are the effects upon the church and upon the kingdom of darkness when Christ followers fail to consistently pursue and enjoy fellowship with one another? Please explain your answers.
11. Please discuss the relationship between, and the importance of, the verses which are found at 1 John 1:7 and at Romans 6:4

Read 1 John 1:6, 8-10

12. How important is “truth” to God? How important is “truth” to you? Would God agree with your answers to those two questions? If not, why not? If so, why?

Consider: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit live in perfect fellowship with One another. Christ is alive within you. Christ is alive within me. Are those statements true? Then, let us ask ourselves: “Are we walking in the light as Jesus is in the light? Are we persistently pursuing and enjoying regular fellowship with one another? Are we living like people who have been purified from all sin by the blood of Jesus?” You think about that. Amen.