

Community Group Study Guide

To Obey is to Love: An Inductive Study of 1 John 2: 3-17

Start: Open in prayer with a time of sharing praises and requests

Discuss: Share about a time when you learned something important through experience rather than just being told. What made that lesson stick with you?

Study:

Passage: 1 John 2:3-17

"Loving God means doing the will of God by obeying the word of God."

1. According to verses 3-6, how can we know if we truly know God? What role does obedience play in our relationship with Him?
2. What does it mean to walk as Jesus did (verse 6)? How might that look in your daily life?
3. In verses 7-11, John talks about an old command that is also new. What is this command, and how does loving others reflect our walk with God?
4. How does John describe the different stages of spiritual growth (verses 12-14)? Which stage do you most relate to right now, and why?
5. What warnings does John give in verses 15-17 about loving the world? What are the specific things he mentions, and why are they dangerous?
6. How do the desires of the flesh, the desires of the eyes, and the pride of life show up in today's culture? How can you guard your heart against these?
7. According to verse 17, what is the promise for those who do the will of God? How does this encourage you to live differently?

Application: This week, examine your heart and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any area where love for the world has taken root. Choose one way you can walk in obedience and love. Share your commitment with the group and pray for one another to walk as Jesus did, encouraging each other to remain faithful and focused on doing the will of God and living by The Spirit.