

The Real Deal

How Do You Recognize a Christian?

Life in Light of 1 John

June 6, 2021

Notes:

Questions for Personal Reflection & Group Discussion

1. Read 1 John 1:1-4.

Read through these verses slowly, taking time to think about what the author is saying. What phrases in this passage stand out to you?

What makes them so impactful?

2. Read 1 John 1:1 and John 1:14.

Why is seeing, hearing, or touching something (or someone) with your own eyes, ears, and hands so impactful?

What do we learn about God through the life of Jesus, that we couldn't learn from creation?

3. Read 1 John 1:2 and John 1:1-4.

Why does the testimony of an eyewitness carry such weight?

How does John having a personal relationship with Jesus give credibility to his words about Jesus?

How does your personal relationship with Jesus give credibility to the words that you speak about Him?

4. Read 1 John 1:3.

What is John's motivation for writing down and sharing the truth about Christ?

How is fellowship with other believers similar to and different from simple friendship?

5. Read 1 John 1:4.

Think about the most exciting news you've ever received. Who did you share it with?

Now consider John's words in verse 4. How do you think writing these words to share with others makes John's joy complete?