

Great Little Letters  
Week's Reading: 2 John  
Discussion Guide, October 31, 2021

**CHECK UP:**

Memory Work Review: Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.  
- Colossians 3:11

Did the gospel impact that way you saw in relationships in particular this past week?

**OPEN:**

- What stood out to you from reading 2 John this past week?
  - o Did you gain a new insight?
  - o Were you challenged in a certain area?
  - o Do you have any questions that developed after reading the text?

**READ and ASK: 2 John**

- How are the themes of truth and love connected in this short letter?
- In what way does truth live in us?
- What does it mean to continue in the teaching of Christ?
  - o What does it mean to not welcome a person who does not share in the teaching of Christ?
  - o How would welcoming someone without correct teaching about Christ be sharing in his or her wickedness?
  - o What is the difference in interacting closely with Christians who teach falsely and non-Christians who believe falsely? (Eph 5:15-16, Col 4:5-6)
- How do John's instructions help resist deception and wickedness of the religious frauds?

**APPLY:**

- Which is easier for you? To walk in love or to walk in truth? How do we do both? (1 John 2:6)
- Have you ever had to terminate a relationship because of differences in faith?
  - o How did it go?

- How can we avoid false teachers without being cold or even cruel?
  
- In the age of the internet, with access to virtually any preacher across the world, how should we determine who we listen most closely to? (*keep in mind virtually all preachers at least allude to scripture*).
  - o Are there any teachers or organizations that you are involved with that you need to examine more closely?
  - o Does disagreement on faith matters always mean ways need parted?
    - When should you part ways with a false teacher or organizations that support false teaching? (when should you NOT part ways?)
  
- NEXT STEP(S): What can you do, starting today, to continue in the teaching of Christ?
  - o Why is community (the church) important to continuing in the teaching of Christ?

Memory Work:

And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. - 2 John 6a

Next Week's Reading:

3 John