

1 John: 1 John 5:13-21  
Discussion Guide, October 11, 2020  
Next week's text: Matthew 5-7

**CHECK UP:**

Memory Work Review: And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

- 1 John 5:11-12

- How did remembering that you are an overcomer encourage you this past week?

**OPEN:**

- How do you think someone gets to the point that they walk away from their faith? Is it instantaneous? A process? Something else?

**READ and ASK: 1 John 5:13-21**

- What does John say we can know?
  - o How so?
- What confidence can we have in approaching God?
  - o What are the conditions?
  - o How can we know whether something is according to God's will?
- In what way are we to help other Christians who are struggling with sin?
- What might be the sin that leads to death?
  - o Some fear that maybe they have committed this sin, why does that likely prove that they have not committed this sin?
- In what way can sin lead to death?
- Why are idols still so dangerous to a Christian's faith?
  - o What sort of idols can/do Christian fall victim to?
- If 1 John was eliminated from the Bible what information, challenge, or encouragement would be missing?

**APPLY:**

- With how much assurance can you say you “know you have eternal life?”
- How often do you feel prompted to pray for another Christian who is struggling with sin in their life? If not often, why do you think that is the case?
- What else do you struggle to keep from worshipping?
- What has been your greatest take away from the book of John?
  - o NEXT STEP: What do you need to do with it?

Memory Work:

We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true by being in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. – 1 John 5:20