

1 John: 1 John 5:1-12
Discussion Guide, October 4, 2020
Next week's text: 1 John 5:13-21

CHECK UP:

Memory Work Review: This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. - 1 John 4:9-11

- In what way did you express love for others this past week?

OPEN:

- If you were asked "what is a Christian?" how would you answer?
 - o What makes someone a Christian? What are non-negotiable defining attributes?

READ and ASK: 1 John 5:1-12

- Who is born of God?
 - o What does that mean?
- What does this text say love for God looks like?
- What unique qualities does God's commands have (verse 3)?
 - o How is this true?
- Who overcomes the world?
 - o What in the world needs to be "overcome?"
- Why is God's testimony better than man's?
 - o What does John say of those who do not believe the gospel?
- How does this text teach us to love God and love others?
- Return again to the opening question, in light of this how would you answer differently? The same?

APPLY:

- What commands of God do you struggle with obeying?
 - o When have you thought of God's commands as burdensome?

- In what way should we love the children of God?

- Have you overcome the world?
 - o NEXT STEP: In what way do you need to consistently remind yourself that through Christ you are an overcomer?

Memory Work: 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