

Life in the Word

Cornerstone Sermon-based Life Group Lesson



Sermon Series: **1 John Series**

Sermon Title: **A Personal Relationship with God**

Scripture Passage: **1 John 1:1-14**

Getting Started Sharing from personal experience

Some people know “about” God and others actually “know” Him. What do you think the difference is? What does it take to really know God and experience a personal relationship with Him?

Observation Discovering the context

What five New Testament books did the Apostle John write?

According to Mark 3:16-19 what was John’s nickname? How do you think he got it? (Hint: Luke 9:51-56)

According to Matthew 4:21-22 how did John become a follower of Jesus?

Interpretation Discovering the meaning

What is John explaining about Jesus in verses 1-2?

Read Psalm 90:2. Jesus has always existed outside of time. How would you explain that concept to someone?

What is the “I Am” name for God?

Many people believe Jesus is a Christian myth or a fabricated lie made up by His disciples. What type of phrases do you see in verses 1-4 that shows John’s conviction that Jesus was a real person who walked the earth?

How would you sum up the main reason why Jesus left heaven and came to earth?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-21. How would you explain that you are an ambassador for Christ? What does the life of an ambassador for Christ look like?

Read Ephesians 2:5-6. Why do you think John speaks of us being “seated with Christ in the heavenly places” as if it had already taken place?

Core Truths Discovering Biblical truth

In your own words, share at least one core truth God has shown you in this week's study and why it is timely or significant for you.

Practice Makes Progress Putting knowledge into practice

What action is the Lord prompting you to take this week as a result of being in His Word?

Worth Memorizing

Scripture: That which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

1 John 1:3 ESV

Prayer Time

How can your Life Group pray for you this week?

Praise Time

How has God blessed you and answered prayer this week?