

HANDOUT

Session 4: 1 John 3:24-4:16



DISCUSS

1 John 4:1-6. **Why do you think being able to identify deceivers is so important to John?**

What does John explain as the simple difference between those who come from God and those who don't?

What difference does it make if Jesus came as a full human?

How does Jesus reveal God to us in a way we otherwise wouldn't have known?

Where have you seen the authority of Jesus diminished in the messaging of the world?

When and how have you felt the Holy Spirit warn against anti-Christ ideas? How did you respond?

1 John 4:7-16. **According to John, whose love is manifest in us?**

What reason does John give for us loving each other?

Describe a time where someone loved you like God. What did it look like? How did it make you feel? What difference did it make in your life?

What do we stand to lose by refusing to allow God's love to flow through us?

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What one thing could you do to go out of your way to share God's love with them?

What would your life look like if you focused on giving away the love of God each day, not just receiving it?

What risk would you run by living a life that gives love without question? What would you stand to lose? What would you stand to gain?

LIVE IT OUT

Pray: Spend ten minutes this week—five minutes each on two days—asking God to open your eyes to any deception that might be sneaking into your mind. As He directs you, confess and work toward truth.

Connect: The idea of “pay it forward” has become a cliché in our culture, but that’s very much what’s going on in our session today. This week, look at the ways in which God has blessed you and shown you love, and then do one thing to pass God’s love on to a fellow believer.

Write: Take fifteen minutes this week and write out a summary of 1 John so far. According to our study, what does the Christian life look like?

Memorize: Commit 1 John 4:4 to memory. Meditate on the verse this week, and remember that God has overcome the world on our behalf.

Reflect: Take ten minutes this week and reflect on those instances where God’s love was made apparent to you through other believers. Use this time as a means to grow in your confidence of God’s love for you, but also to build your testimony that God alone is the source of love.