

Small Group Discussion Questions

1 John 1:1-4

Start It: Connecting with each other

1. Do you believe that we live in a world of moral and spiritual uncertainty? Why?
2. What are some of the different “paths to God” that you have encountered in your conversations with people?
3. It has been said that most of us have a “thirst” for God? Do you agree with that? If so, describe when and why that “thirst” began for you.

Study It: Connecting with God’s Word

For study help I recommend the 1 John commentaries at: blueletterbible.org and biblegateway.com

Live It: Apply the Truth of Scripture

1. Jesus Christ is described as the “Word of life” and “eternal life”. What are some of the different ways Jesus is described and portrayed in our society? Who is he to you?
2. What current belief systems espouse the “spiritual” while denying the objective, historical, personal Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? In what ways are these teachings attractive or tempting to follow?
3. Why do you think it is important that Jesus Christ was someone that witnesses had heard, seen, and touched? What difference does that make to you?
4. Are there times in your life when the presence of God was tangible to you? If so, please share with the group.
5. Do you find opportunities to testify and proclaim your faith? Why do so many Christians find it hard to proclaim (speak with confidence and conviction) their faith? How confident are you in your faith? What questions and doubts do you struggle with?
6. John’s proclamation was not merely information to dispense, but truth and life that draw us to God and to each other. Do you experience joy in your fellowship with God and other believers? What enhances or diminishes that joy for you?
7. How has the Lord spoken to you in this passage? In what ways can we as a group support, encourage, and pray for you?