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1 John 4 Study Guide: "Life in the Gospel: Truth & Love" *2010 Summer Staff Project*

Session 1: Introduction to I John

1. How many New Testament books did John write?
2. What one word best describes John's writing style?
3. How many years after the death of Peter & Paul did John write this letter?
4. John wrote this letter in or around what city?
5. What 3 fundamental truths were denied?
6. Why was I John written?
7. Which verses does Brother Steve call the "doorstep" or "front porch" to understanding chapter 4?
8. What exactly is meant by "spirit" in 4:1?

9. What are the 3 reasons for John's call for discernment?

10. What 3 other NT writers speak about false teachers?

Session 2: The Call to Discernment

1. What was the criterion that determined whether the pastor from India would translate for foreign preachers?

2. What are the 2 primary tests for discerning false teachers?

3. What are all Holy Spirit-directed teachers committed to centering their preaching on?

4. What type of preaching will the unregenerate mind be attracted to?

5. What type of preaching will the regenerate mind be attracted to?

6. What is the second writing technique that John employs in this passage?

7. What is meant by "the world" in this passage?

8. Will a false prophet's message ever contain aspects of truth?

9. What is it that enables believers to overcome the teaching of false prophets?

Session 3: God is Love

1. Living in the gospel is balancing what 2 things?

2. How many times is "love" mentioned in the gospel of John?

3. How many times is "love" mentioned in the 4th chapter of I John?

4. What is John's command to love grounded in?

5. Why can't unbelievers fully understand God's love?

6. According to this passage, growing in Christ-likeness will always involve what?

Session 4: Divine Love on Display

1. What was the historical event that God enacted to show His divine love to humanity?

2. What does John mean by the word “begotten”?
3. How many times does John use the word “begotten” in his gospel?
4. List 2 of the 4 instances in John’s gospel of the word “begotten.”
5. What was the primary purpose of Christ’s coming?
6. What are the 2 aspects of propitiation?
7. What happens when we speak about the love of God apart from Christ’s sacrifice?
8. Does total depravity mean that man will do every wicked thing he can possibly conceive?
9. In your own words, summarize “total depravity?”

Session 5: When We Love One Another

1. How do we manifest God’s presence in our lives?

2. What does John mean by “perfected” love? Does it mean sinless perfection?
3. Is perfected love man’s love for God or God’s love for man?
4. What is the biggest daily struggle that most believers face?
5. From the list given, note 5 evidences of self-love that are personal to you.

Session 6: God Dwells In Us

1. This passage of Scripture is the best passage in the NT of what?
2. What is the first test that a believer may know he or she is truly a child of God?
3. List John’s 5 core teachings that necessitate the coming of a Savior.
4. What is the second test that a believer may know he or she is truly a child of God?
5. What exactly is a “confession”?
6. What is the third test that a believer may know he or she is truly a child of God?

Session 7: Perfect Love Casts Out Fear

1. What are the 3 most powerful emotions that all humans experience?
2. Of those 3 emotions, which does the Bible speak to more than any other?
3. Whom has the Father made the judge of all men?
4. How many other times is the word “torment” used in Scripture?
5. Can a love for God and a fear of his rejection peacefully coexist in our hearts?
6. What underlies man’s desire to do whatever it takes to gain the acceptance of others?