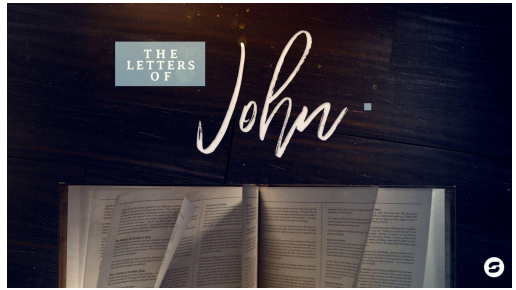


STUDY GUIDE

April 12

START WITH PRAYER

Use this Prayer Prompt



Praise God that we are called children of God - not on a trial basis, but through intentional, costly adoption. Thank God that we have an anointing from the Holy Spirit and already possess the truth we need to remain in Christ. Pray for a rooted, resilient faith that remains in Jesus when belief becomes costly or countercultural.

STUDY THE BIBLE

Think through and discuss your reactions as you read through Scripture:

2 John (THE WHOLE BOOK!)

STIR UP DISCUSSION

How does this week's teaching affect me personally?

1. John emphasizes “truth” repeatedly. What do you think it looks like to have truth be foundational in your everyday life—not just something you believe, but something you live in?
2. The sermon contrasts cultural ideas of “your truth vs. my truth” with truth rooted in Jesus. Where do you see this tension showing up most in your life or in our culture right now? How do you navigate it?
3. John defines love as walking in obedience—not just a feeling. What is one area where it’s easy to say you love God but harder to actually obey Him? What makes that difficult?
4. The sermon highlights that deception often looks almost like truth. What are some modern examples of ideas that sound good or appealing but subtly pull people away from Jesus? How

can we recognize them?

5. John warns against confusing kindness with agreement. How can we love people well without affirming beliefs or behaviors that don't align with Jesus? What does that balance look like in real life?
6. The image of your life as a house invites discernment about what you allow in. What voices, influences, or habits are currently shaping you the most? Are there any you need to limit or reevaluate?

STEP INTO ACTION

Let's try to apply this by taking some Next Steps.

- **Examine Your Foundation (Truth)**
Take 10–15 minutes this week to honestly reflect:
What is shaping my thinking the most right now—Jesus or something else?
Consider journaling or praying through one area where your beliefs or decisions may not be fully aligned with truth.
- **Practice One Act of Obedience (Love)**
Identify one specific thing God has been prompting you to do—and actually do it this week.
It could be forgiving someone, addressing a habit, spending time in Scripture, or taking a step like baptism or reconciliation.
Move love from intention to action.
- **Guard the Front Door (Discernment)**
Choose one influence in your life (social media, podcast, relationship, etc.) and evaluate it:
Is this drawing me closer to Jesus or subtly pulling me away?
If needed, set a boundary—limit it, filter it, or replace it with something that points you toward truth.