

WEEK 53: DECEMBER 30-31

DISCIPLESHIP GROUP LESSON



MEETING AGENDA

1. **OPENING PRAYER** - Ask one person to open the meeting in prayer.
2. **GROWTH QUESTIONS** - Ask everyone the Growth Questions.
3. **ATTENDANCE**- Take attendance through the DG Attendance System.
4. **TODAY'S LESSON** - Go over this week's DG lesson.
5. **GIVING** - Encourage everyone to give on the App.
6. **CLOSING PRAYER** - Ask for prayer requests and pray.



GROWTH QUESTION #1

Who would like to share a highlight, praise report, or testimony from this week?



GROWTH QUESTION #2

What did you learn from this week's sermon?



GROWTH QUESTION #3

What was your most important accomplishment this week?

LIVE IN TRUTH AND LOVE

TODAY'S PASSAGE:

2 John 1-6 (NLT) - 1 This letter is from John, the elder. I am writing to the chosen lady and to her children, whom I **love** in the **truth**—as does everyone else who knows the **truth**— 2 because the **truth** lives in us and will be with us forever. 3 Grace, mercy, and peace, which come from God the Father and from Jesus Christ—the Son of the Father—will continue to be with us who live in **truth** and **love**. 4 How happy I was to meet some of your children and find them living according to the **truth**, just as the Father commanded. 5 I am writing to remind you, dear friends, that we should **love** one another. This is not a new commandment, but one we have had from the beginning. 6 **Love** means doing what God has commanded us, and he has commanded us to **love** one another, just as you heard from the beginning.



INTERACTIVE QUESTIONS

What did you learn from what we just read?

INTRODUCTION:

- The word “love” and the word “truth” are each repeated five times in today’s passage. In Christianity, love and truth always go together. They are inseparable. In this letter from the Apostle John, God is letting us know that the ‘truth’ lives in us (v. 2), therefore we should live according to truth (v. 3-4), and never stop loving one another (v. 5-6).



INSIGHT #1

THE TRUTH LIVES IN US AND WE SHOULD LIVE IN IT (V. 2-4)

- DEFINITION - Truth (alētheia) - What is true under any matter in consideration; personal excellence, an open and honest quality of mind that is from falsehood and deceit, sincerity of mind and integrity of character
- Every Christian should strive to live in truth, to live a life free from lies and full of integrity.
- Every believer has the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, living within them.

John 14:17 (NASB) - The Helper is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him; but you know Him because He remains with you and will be in you.

- Since the Spirit of Truth lives in us, he enables us to live a life of truth, integrity and sincerity.
- Lies and deceit have no place in the life of a Christian.



INTERACTIVE QUESTIONS

What potential pressures could cause a Christian to feel like they have to lie or be less than truthful?



INSIGHT #2

LIVING IN TRUTH LEADS TO WALKING IN LOVE (v. 3-5)

- The Holy Spirit (truth) within us will prompt us to love and encourage one another.
- Jesus commanded us to “love another.”

John 13:34 (NLT) - 34 So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.

- This is a command Jesus repeated often (John 15:12, 17) so we know it was important to Him.
- As Spirit-filled believers, we are empowered to live a life of truth and love, walking in obedience to the clear command of Jesus.



INTERACTIVE QUESTIONS

Is it possible to love without truth and integrity? Why or why not?



INSIGHT #3

LOVING GOD MEANS DOING WHAT HE HAS COMMANDED (v. 6)

- The Apostle John defines love as doing what God has commanded.
- Jesus also clearly linked love and obedience.

John 14:15 (NLT) - “If you love me, obey my commandments.”

- One of the most important commandments Jesus has given us is to love each other as He loved us.

- Now, we can see that loving others well, in obedience to His command, also demonstrates our love for God.



INTERACTIVE QUESTIONS

What does loving each other like Jesus loved us look like in our daily lives?



CLOSING QUESTION

What is one thing from today's lesson that you will apply this week?

GIVING

Tithe faithfully and you will witness God's abundant blessings overflow in your life.

Malachi 3:10 (NLT)

Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the Lord of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!

Encourage everyone to give their tithes and offerings.

PRAYER



QUESTION #1

Who are you praying for to be saved?



QUESTION #2

Who can you invite to the next meeting?



QUESTION #3

What are your prayer requests?