



GROUP STUDY GUIDE

WEEK OF MAY 21, 2023 | LOVE AND WAR: THE BEST NEWS EVER

WARM-UP QUESTION

What is the best news you've ever received and how did you react?

DISCUSS

Start your discussion by sharing what stood out to you from Sunday's message. Were there any new insights or key takeaways for you?

Read 1 John 1:1-4

- In the first four verses, how does John describe Jesus? Look for all the times he said "the one who...".
- What is the joy John wants us to experience as mentioned in verse 4?
- What makes John and the apostles so confident about their belief of who Jesus is?
- How does their witness of Jesus' life help you trust in Him?
- What does John mean by having fellowship with the Father and with the disciples in verse 3? Consider looking up the meaning of the original greek word, reading a commentary or comparing the passage with different versions of the Bible.
- Have you had an experience that has strengthened your faith and trust in who Jesus is? If so, explain how it has affected your faith.

Read 1 John 1:5-10

- What do you think the light and darkness represent in these verses?
- What does it mean to go on living in spiritual darkness? What does it mean to live in the light?
- What does God do in our hearts when we acknowledge our sinfulness and confess our sins?
- Is confession of sin a regular part of your relationship with God? How can you practice confession this week?
- Are there ways your group can encourage one another toward confessing sin and receiving the forgiveness God is faithful to give?

RESPOND

- Based on what you just discussed, what do you think God is prompting you to do in response? When will you do it?
- Pray together as a group for the specific goals or areas of struggle that came up in your discussion. Thank God for revealing more of who He is, and ask Him to help you apply what He's prompting you to do this week.