



GROUP STUDY GUIDE

WEEK OF JULY 2, 2023 | HOW TO KNOW YOU KNOW

WARM-UP QUESTION

How did you celebrate the 4th of July or how do you plan to celebrate this week?

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 5:1-5](#)

- Who are God's children that we are called to love?
- What is the evidence of love for God's children? What does this look like practically?
- Is there someone in your life that you desire to love as John is describing here? What step can you take to obey how God may be calling you to show love to this person?
- How is your faith an important element in the fight against this evil world?

Read [1 John 5:6-12](#)

- How can we be confident that Jesus is God's Son?
- Even though Jesus never sinned, how does his baptism reveal that he is God's Son? Read one or more of the following accounts of Jesus' baptism: [Matthew 3:13-17](#); [Mark 1:9-11](#); [Luke 3:21-22](#); [John 1:32-34](#).
- What does John say is the gift we receive when we believe in the Son of God?
- Have you thought about what it means to have eternal life? How does knowing this encourage you today?

Read [1 John 5:13-21](#)

- Why can we be confident that God hears us according to verses 14-15?
- We are all sinners in need of grace and forgiveness. What would it be like to pray for others and to have others pray for you in regard to sin?
- Is there a difference between making a practice of sin as mentioned in verse 18 and committing a sin?
- What have you seen in your own life attempt to take God's place in your heart?

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.