

1st John then me

light applied to life

Sermon Study Guide

The First Test of Assurance Ron Gray January 26/27



Watch the Sermon



Read the Scripture



Submit a Prayer
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Don't journey alone!
Join a Small Group



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Opening Questions

- Finish the statement: You know you're a close friend of someone when....

Read Together

1 John 2:3-6

Big Idea

Obedience is the proof of an enduring, loving relationship with Jesus.

Discussion Questions

1. According to 1 John 2:1-2, how is it possible for us to have a relationship with Jesus?
2. How easy is it for us to grasp the concept of intimacy with God? What would that look like?
3. 1:8,9; 2:1 tells us that if we claim we have no sin we are fooling ourselves and we should confess those sins to find forgiveness; 2:3,4 tells us that if we don't obey God's commands we are not living in the truth. Talk about the difference between occasionally failing and "not living in the truth".
4. How would an intimate relationship with God lead to our obedience?
5. Read John 14:23 & 15:5. In these verses Jesus assures us that he will be with us in very relational terms. He also tells us that apart from him we can do nothing. How will Jesus enable us to live to the standard of 1 John 2:3-6?
6. How can we live a life of ongoing confession?
7. Last week's study guide emphasised confession. How did that go? What ways can you increasingly practice this as a small group?
8. What will obedience to God's commands look like for me?
9. How can we help each other to live as Jesus lived? (2:6)

Challenge

This week commit to make yourself available for a relationship with God by ongoing confession. Describe to your group how you will build this into your personal relationship with God, your marriage, your friendships... and how you would like it to look in your small group.

Prayer

If you feel led to confess in prayer, use the method in the last study guide to do this.

Be praying for each other – that we may be led into a relationship that is close and intimate with God. Where there is life and vitality. Pray that the Holy Spirit would convict each of walls, sin or obstacles that stand in the way of this relationship.

Next Step

During the week, read John 14, 15, 16 to learn of the depth of our relationship with God. Pray on it, and bring your thoughts/convictions to your next group meeting.

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