



Watch the Sermon



Read the Scripture



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**Don't journey alone!
Join a Small Group**



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Opening Questions

What testimony on the weekend did you connect with most? Did it challenge you? Encourage you? Warn you?

Read Together

1 John 2:12-14

Big Idea

God wants to encourage and strengthen His children by blessing us today.

Discussion Questions

1. I (Geoff) opened with an illustration about encouraging words from others that meant something in my life. Has anyone ever said to you a word of affirmation that you will always remember?
2. John emphasizes again the truth of forgiveness in Christ (2:12). Why do you think he keeps repeating this throughout the book?
3. In this passage John uses various terms of endearment from the family. What basic affirmations of Christianity can even a "babe in Christ" understand according to verses 12-13?
4. Discuss the relationship between the phrase, "the word of God lives in you" and "you are strong" in verse 14? How does this correspond to overcoming the evil one in verse 13?
5. What promise in verses 12-14 is most important to you? Why?
6. Go through this passage again with your group and discuss what God's children, young in the faith, mature in the faith means. What blessing do each of these groups have?
7. How can we encourage each other to live out these truths?
8. What words of encouragement would you like to say to each other? It is important to actually verbalize and share these things!
9. How would you say you were encouraged by the words of 1 John – how will that help you to live more confidently as a follower of Christ – no matter where you are at?

Testimonies

We had three great testimonies this weekend. Each one corresponded with a stage of discipleship (below). Do you feel like you know where you are at better after hearing these testimonies?

I am a child of God – taking the first steps of my journey.

I am Discovering – 35% of RockPointe people would be here.

DISCOVERING - I have become a Jesus follower and am discovering what a life devoted to Him is all about. I still have lots of questions!

I am a mature Christian – and have been deepening walk with Christ.

I am Surrendering – 25% of RockPointe people would be here.

I am **SURRENDERING** I am increasingly relying on Jesus for everything and am giving over the leadership of my life to Him daily. My faith impacts every area of my life.

I am a young in the faith pursuing God and overcoming Satan.

I am Growing – 30% of RockPointe people would be here.

I am **GROWING** I am learning to depend on Jesus for daily guidance. I have a good understanding of what it means to follow Jesus.

Prayer

Spend time as a group thanking God for where he has brought you, areas where He has helped you grow and overcome, and of course asking God for making the Next Step in your faith clear to you!

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