

2 John

Connect: 30-45 min

Consider sharing a meal together, discussing the highs/lowes of the week or any celebrations/hard things that happened last week, follow up from prayer requests.

A Reminder: If you are looking for more in-depth study to do during the week before the sermon, this is a free 12-week course through 123 John:

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/course/knowning-the-bible-1-3-john/#week-1-overview>

Discuss: Scripture/Sermon Discussion (30-45 mins)

1. Reread this week's passage, **2 John**. Have someone summarize the sermon in 1-2 minutes. What stood out? What was challenging? Encouraging?
2. 2 John 6 tells us, "And this is love: that we walk in accordance with His commandments and are guided continually by His precepts." Is the 'gate of your life' (how you walk) marked by this kind of love? If not, what steps can you take to abide more in the love of God this week?

"Our shared experience of life with God together is maintained through the shared influence of the truth of God's word on our lives." Brad Bell

3. John 16:13 tells us the Holy Spirit will guide us into all truth [full and complete truth]. Both the Holy Spirit and God's word are to be our arbiters of truth. How are the gifts of God's word and the Holy Spirit both the gravity that keeps you grounded in truth and humble towards those who are adrift in bondage?
4. The sermon gave us a rubric* for maintaining unity with other believers on certain topics. How often do you make minor issues major and major issues minor? How are you at obeying Ephesians 4:3?

Closing Practice: Experiencing Ongoing Freedom

The sermon asked how are we to handle those (from among us-fellow believers) who are drifting from truth? Are there any areas of drifting from the truth in your life? If so, what is the Holy Spirit convicting you of? Are you unwilling to submit to other's loving correction (even if they are your spouse)? Are you willing to lovingly come alongside other believers and help return them to the truth of God's word empowered by the Holy Spirit?

*Is the Bible Clear?

Answer	Our response...
Yes	Defend. See Jude 3 and Isaiah 5:20.
Maybe	Disagree without being disagreeable.
No	Discuss (while being charitable towards one another)