

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, November 28, 2021

Passage: 1 John 5:6-12

Memory Passage: 1 John 5:11-12

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read 1 John 5:1-5.** Summarize what you learned last week in your study of 1 John 5:1-5.

(b) How have you applied what you learned last week in your study of 1 John 5:1-5?

(c) In what ways were you sanctified as you applied 1 John 5:1-15?

(d) In what ways have you struggled to apply what you learned in 1 John 5:1-5?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read 1 John 5:6-12.** The concepts of “water” and “blood” as used in 5:6-8 are difficult. Four primary interpretations are: (1) Water refers to the Holy Spirit, and blood refers to Jesus’ death; (2) Water and blood refer to the wine, and bread of the Lord’s supper; (3) Water refers to Jesus’ baptism and blood to Jesus’ death, & (4) Both refer to the piercing of Jesus’ side on the cross. Consider the context, setting, and purpose of 1 John, the structure & grammar of 5:6-12, and the following passages as you decide which of these interpretations is true. If you disagree with all of them, present your best understanding: Ezekiel 36:25-27; Matthew 3:13-17; John 1:29-34; 3:3-8, 34; 19:34-35; Titus 3:4-7.

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read 1 John 5:6-12.** Now that you’ve come to your best understanding of how to interpret “water” and “blood,” what does it mean that Jesus “came by water and blood?”

(b) Why would John strongly call out the falseness of Jesus coming “only by water?” Who might be saying this, and what do they mean that John is refuting?

(c) How do Jesus coming by water and blood, and the Spirit as “the one who testifies” combine as three agreeing witnesses?

(d) Using your own words, explain what John is saying in vs. 6-8.

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read 1 John 5:6-12.** Why does John assume “we receive the testimony of men” (In Greek, the “if” which begins v. 9 assumes the statement is true, so could be translated “since”)?

(b) What is God's testimony, which is greater than men (v. 9)?

(c) In what way does the one who believes in the Son of God have "the testimony in himself," and why is this important?

(d) For what reason does unbelief make God a liar (v. 10)?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read 1 John 5:6-12.** Explain why eternal life is only "in the Son," and how one gets the Son ("whoever has the Son").

(b) Some in John's day were denying the death of Christ ("by water only"). In what ways is Jesus' death denied today? In what ways do you neglect to take into consideration Jesus' death in your life?

(c) Do you have God's testimony in yourself (v. 10)? If so, how do you know and how is it evident? If not, what should you do?

(d) In what other ways do you deny the testimony of God in Christ other than practically denying His death? How does knowing you have eternal life in the Son empower you to reverse these denials and actively pursue obedience to everything Christ has commanded?

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Life Is in the Son