



SMALL GROUP STUDY

The Disciple whom Jesus Loved

This is a very tender, familial-toned letter. John is like a dad tenderly reviewing the fundamentals of faith--he covers the same truths in a spiraling, revolutionary manner; probing deeper and wider with each turn. It is a revolutionary book that can revolutionize your life. John writes this book because there is an ever more serious attack on the church from the insurgent Gnosticism doctrine. He boils life down to relationships with God and relationships with people.

Revolutionize Your Friendliness

Fellowship -- relationship with the Father and with other Christians.

Discussion Questions:

- a. What do you think it was like for the disciples when it dawned on them who Jesus really was?
- b. 1 John 1:2 "we have seen, and bear witness" What did John witness?
- c. Examine your heart: Are you in a relationship with God? With fellow believers?

Revolutionize Your Happiness

Preaching the authentic message of Jesus brings joy through relationship with God and with God's people.

Discussion Questions:

- a. What is joy?
- b. Examine your heart: What is the source of your joy?

Revolutionize Your Holiness

If we can grasp these truths found in 1 John, we can diminish sin in our lives.

Discussion Questions:

- a. What is sin?
- b. Examine your heart: What sins are you in need of repenting from?

Revolutionize Your Perceptiveness

These basic truths give a call to discernment; a warning to guard against deceivers.

Discussion Questions:

- a. How are you to discern those who intend to deceive. false prophets?
- b. Search the scriptures: What did Jesus say about false prophets?

Revolutionize Your Assuredness

We can have confidence that we are children of God and we have eternal life through Him.

Discussion Questions:

- a. 1 John 2:3-5, 3:13-24, 4:2-13, 5:13-14, what does John say we know?
- b. What 5 tests does John give that we can know that we are saved?