



Reflection and Discussion Guide - Week 1

1 John 1:1-4

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life — the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us — that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

1. One of the reasons John wrote this letter was to correct false teaching that infiltrated the church. How was he uniquely positioned to do this? If you encountered false teaching today, would you know it? How does a Christian discern truth from error? On a scale of 1 to 10, how equipped do you feel in this area?
2. In 1 John 1:1-4, John describes eternal life both as a concept and as a person. Who is the person that he's talking about? What does this teach us about eternal life? Read John 17:3 and John 14:6. What did Jesus claim about himself in relationship to eternal life? Why can he make such bold claims about himself? What are some of the implications of his claims?
3. Read 1 John 5:11-13. Why do you think John wanted to people to know that they had eternal life? What are some common ways in which people are deceived about eternal life?
4. What has Jesus done to make it possible for us to have fellowship with God? Why is fellowship with God impossible without Jesus?
5. What is one truth that you have learned from this passage? What is one way you can apply it this week? Who is one person you need to share it with?