

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, October 24, 2021

Passage: 1 John 3:19-24

Memory Passage: 1 John 3:24

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read 1 John 3:19-24.** To what does “by this” refer (v. 19)?

- (b) What does John mean when he says we can know that we are “of the truth” (v. 19)?

- (c) How does loving our brothers (2:11-18): (1) prove “we are of the truth,” and (2) “reassure our heart before him?”

- (d) Under what circumstances will “our heart condemn us” (v. 20)?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read 1 John 3:19-24.** Why is God’s omniscience (“knows everything” in v. 20) essential in bringing assurance to your heart when it condemns us?

- (b) Explain the details of the opposite scenario involving our heart presented in v. 21.

- (c) Specifically, what do we have the confidence (v. 22) before God to do?

- (d) What qualification does John place on answered prayer in vs. 22-23? What other qualifications limit answered prayer (cf. Ps. 66:18; Matt. 21:22; Mark 11:25; John 16:23-24; James 4:2-3)?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read 1 John 3:19-24.** What does it mean for you to “believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ?” Where else has God commanded this?

- (b) How are the two commands in v. 23 related? Can one be accomplished without the other? Explain your answer.

- (c) Write a paragraph describing what it means to “abide in God” from your study of 1 John so far.

- (d) Explain how “God abides in” you. Of which person of the Trinity is John speaking (a literal translation would be: “abides in him, and he in him”)?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read 1 John 3:19-24.** To what does the “by this” refer in v. 24?

(b) Write a paragraph explaining the meaning of 2:19-24 in your own words.

(c) The syntax of these verses is difficult, and different translations reflect this difficulty. Write down any questions you have about this text, and be ready to ask them in your Sunday school class so you might gain clarity.

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read 1 John 3:19-24.** In what ways does your heart condemn you and erode your confidence that you have passed from death to life and abide in God? How do the truths found in vs. 11-24 help you calm your heart during these times?

(b) Do you regularly think your prayers go unanswered? Consider your obedience or lack thereof and ask the Lord if your prayers are regularly not answered because your disobedience to His commands is regular. What changes must you make?

(c) How do you ensure what you do pleases God (v. 22)? What Biblical principles guide your decision-making process?

(d) In what ways do you fail to believe in the name of Jesus Christ (v. 23a)? In what ways are you growing in this area?

(e) In what ways do you fail to love other believers (v. 23b)? In what ways are you growing in this area?

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