



Lesson One – Introducing...

Let's Get Started

- ⊕ Who was your childhood best friend? What made you become, and stay, friends?
 - * Friendships grow and change as life progresses. Who is your best friend now? What makes them your best friend?
 - * Does our "friendship" with God change? How?

- ⊕ What's attractive to culture about a Christian who enjoys their relationship with Jesus?
 - * How is that joyful relationship expressed?
 - * What are the obstacles we face in finding that real enjoyment with Christ?

Into the Text

- ⊕ Introduction to 1st John
 - * 1st John may be a _____ attached to 2nd and 3rd John.
 - * A great deal has happened to the early church in these early years...

- * John makes it very clear, he writes with a variety of " _____."
 - 1:4 - _____
 - 2:1 - _____
 - 2:12-14 - _____
 - 2:26 - _____
 - 5:13 - _____
- * Key words: _____
- * Date written: _____

- ⊕ The Prologue – 1-4
 - * Right from the start, John is crystal clear: he is a _____!
 - * He makes a parallel to his gospel by using the word " _____."
 - * He (they) are proclaiming the message for the sake of _____.
 - * He is refuting _____ - there is NO "secret knowledge."

Talk About It

- ⊕ In what ways does John emphasize his witness? Why is that so important?
- ⊕ How important are words? When John uses the term, what is he implying about Jesus?
- ⊕ John says he writes to encourage fellowship. How can we best express the fellowship?
What will it ideally look like in everyday life?

Into the Text

- ⊕ Fellowship...In All Directions – 5-10

- * "Light" represents _____. "Darkness" represents _____.
- * Vs 6 – 1st of the "...if ____..." passages – it's up to me to decide!
- * " _____ " indicates a lifestyle, a continual practice.
- * Walking in the light does not imply _____. If so, omit the rest of the verse!
- * John is talking about _____ our sin!
 - We walk, or _____ in a truthful manner.
 - We _____ our sins as necessary.
 - "Confess" is *homologeō* – "to _____ the same."
 - We are voicing our _____ with God!
- * The solution to our sin problem? Admit we need a _____!

Talk About It

- ⊕ What does light do when it enters a dark area? What does John's usage of the term tell us about God?
- ⊕ In vs 8-10, who is John addressing? What difference does it make that he's not talking to "non-believers" who say they don't have sin?
- ⊕ How are you tempted to ignore the "little" sins? According to John, what's true if we attempt to pretend the "little" sins don't matter?