



Lesson Six – TRUTH...and Love! (1 John 4)

Let's Get Started

- ⊕ Our culture is fond of professing the idea: "We may be on different paths, but all paths lead to Heaven." What is this supposed to mean?
- ⊕ Look up CS Lewis' "Liar, Lunatic, or Lord" quote. What is his point?
- ⊕ How would our culture finish this statement? "Love is..."

Into the Text

⊕ The Spirit of Truth – 4:1-6

- * John uses the word "spirit" because these teachers were claiming to be _____.
- * There absolutely IS a _____.
 - Did Jesus come in the _____ and is He from _____?
 - Doesn't mean there aren't other questions...but it's where we _____!
- * Those who believe Jesus is who He says He is have _____ (see 5:5; Rev 2 & 3).
- * Vs 6 is a claim of _____!

Apply It

- ⊕ How do we test and identify "false prophets"? What does this tell you about personal preparation?
- ⊕ Some try to dismiss the authority of the epistles. Do we listen to the apostles today?

Into the Text

⊕ Knowing God By Our Love – 4:7-21

- * The NT's longest discussion of love outside of _____.
- * Why should we love?
 - Because _____ is love – 7-8.
 - He first _____ us – 9-11.
 - God _____ in a loving person – 12.
 - John 13:34-35 - _____ is an identifier.
 - God can't dwell where there's _____.

- Because His love _____ us – 12-13.
 - God’s love is not perfected when we don’t _____ anything.
 - Believing God is love, and _____ in love are two different things!
 - We can have _____ in the Day of Judgment – 14-18.
 - It verifies our _____ for God – 19-21.
- * Two liars: one who says he hasn’t _____ and one who doesn’t _____.

Apply It

- ⊕ Amid the pain and suffering of this world, how can we answer the challenge from unbelievers when they ask, “Is God loving?” (See 4:10)
- ⊕ John uses the phrase “love one another” three times in verses 7 to 12 in different ways. Is this an “encouragement” or a “command”? Why?