

## BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, November 21, 2021

Passage: 1 John 5:1-5

Memory Passage: 1 John 5:4-5

### DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read 1 John 5:1-5.** Notice the word “believes” brackets vs. 1-5. What does it mean to believe in Jesus? Be sure to interact in your answer with what John has already taught us in this letter, as well as what he will teach us in 5:10 & 5:13.

(b) What are other themes present in vs. 1-5? What have you learned about these themes so far in 1 John?

(c) In what structure does the text present itself? In other words, what is the main idea, and what primary points support it?

### DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read 1 John 5:1-5.** According to v. 1, what specifically are we to believe, and what does this entail?

(b) What is the connection between believing, being born of God, and loving other believers in v. 1?

(c) What are some dangers of having a wrong understanding of faith?

(d) What are some dangers of having a wrong understanding of Christ?

### DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read 1 John 5:1-5.** What does it mean to love God? Is there any aspect of God that you fail to love (consider His word, commands, character, church, sovereign will, rule, etc.)?

(b) How does loving God and keeping His commandment prove (“by this we know” in v. 2) that we love other believers? How are the moral test of obedience and the social test of love intertwined here?

(c) Does “the love of God” (v. 3) refer to God’s love for us or our love for God? Explain your answer (use the context!).

(d) Why are God’s commands “not burdensome,” and why is this important for believers to understand?

(e) Do you ever feel God's commands are burdensome? If so, why? How can you change your approach to His commands?

**DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

**READ THE PASSAGE**

(a) **Read 1 John 5:1-5.** What does it mean for a believer to “overcome the world?” Keep in mind what John most often means when he uses the term “world” and what you have already learned about the world in 1 John.

(b) What did Christ overcome to empower us to overcome the world?

(c) What does being born of God have to do with overcoming the world? Don't give a glib or shallow answer here. Instead, think of all the ways your rebirth changed you and what that means for your overcoming. This should take a bit of thought.

(d) What does “our faith” (vs. 4-5) have to do with overcoming the world, and in what way is our faith “the victory?”

**DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

**READ THE PASSAGE**

(a) **Read 1 John 5:1-5.** In what ways does the world overcome you? How do you capitulate to the thought processes and ideals of the world?

(b) In what ways must you repent to reverse these upside-down approaches to the world?

(c) Spend time meditating on Scriptures that will help you to reverse these patterns of thought & behavior and write down the ways you will begin to overcome the world better. If you aren't sure where to turn, start with these passages: Rom. 12:1-2, Eph. 6:12-20, & Heb. 11. Follow the cross references in your Bible to move to other passages for your consideration and help.

(d) How does faith in future blessing empower you to overcome the world?

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