

Core Strength: Love as Jesus Loved pt. 2

Life Steps | June 18 & 19, 2016

Day 1

2 John 1

What do you imagine is the purpose of this letter? What situation stated requires discernment? Why would boundaries in hospitality be important during this time in church history? Where might you need to establish boundaries to effectively walk in love?

Day 2

3 John 1

John is happy to hear about consistency in the believers' walks; how are you accountable to others for your walk? Describe how Diotrephes' actions reveal a lack of faith. Who does Diotrephes love and affirm? In truth, who do you love and affirm first?

Day 3

1 John 5:1-5

What is John's definition of love? How can God's commands be kept? What is the one thing required to overcome the world? Do you feel burdened by Jesus' commands? How and why? What actions can you take to relieve your burdens?

Day 4

1 John 5:6-12

Recall situations in which Jesus "came by water and blood." Who are the three in agreement who testify? How can the Trinity be important in affirming your faith? Why is God's testimony more important than ours? Do you recall when God testified and affirmed Jesus?

Day 5

1 John 5:13-15

How often do you think about having eternal life? Do you value it? When and how do you share this valuable knowledge with others? Why can we be confident in prayer? What does it mean to ask "according to his will"? How often do you pray confidently in his will?

Day 6

1 John 5:16-20

What might your habitual sins be? What sin leads to death? How should we pray for those experiencing unbelief so that they might have eternal life? Do you acknowledge and pray about the world being under the control of the evil one? Do you trust God to keep you safe?

Day 7

1 John 5:21

Why do you think idols are mentioned at the end of this letter? What idols do we uphold in our culture? How do idols prevent our ability to affirm faith in Jesus? Can idols be a sin that leads to death? When considering your life and habits, are there idols that need to be eliminated?