



LOVING IN THE TRUTH
2ND JOHN 5-13
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I. Introduction

Let's all appreciate why accurate biblical teaching is so important and why false teaching is so dangerous and damning.

II. Making Obedience Real (vv. 5-6)

- a. Love and obedience for God ALWAYS go together
- b. God loves us to the end of ends

III. Monitoring for Truth (vv. 7-11)

- a. Love is neither naïve nor ignorant
- b. Being on guard

IV. Missing a Loved One (vv. 12-13)

- a. Increasing truth=increasing joy
- b. Sharing God's love personally

V. Conclusion

Let us earnestly remain committed to bringing about a culture of evangelism both locally here at CEFC as well as through our missionaries far away.



CEFC Sermon-Based Growth Group
Week: January 17, 2021
Title: Loving in the Truth
Text: 2nd John 5-13

Kick Starters...

1. Share a time where you have been/were 'stuck' in the dark (physical or spiritual)? How did the lack of light (physical or spiritual) affect your situation.
2. In your life, have you ever been 'visited' by a person or group who were promoting 'some other' way to heaven? Share briefly.

Entertain the text

3. Read the text out loud and discuss/list/highlight any significant words or observations. Make notes in your Bible to help you recall anything important to revisit or pray over. Use cross-Scripture texts as is helpful.

Engage the text

4. The Bible often refers to the truth as 'light' in our lives. Share a time in your life where the truth (about anything) gave you better understanding.
5. How does having 'right belief' lead to 'right behavior'?
6. Read John 14:15 together. How is this truth lived out in our lives?
7. Read 1st John 4:1-4 together. How do we 'test the spirits' and why is this critical for Christians in regard to our walking and abiding in Christ?
8. If 'everyone' is going to heaven, what would this mean regarding a) Jesus sacrificial death on the cross? (1st John 2:2) and b) evangelism (Matt. 28:19-20)?
9. Our 'personal space' is the avenue to fellowship. How can we make our relationships with others more personable?

Execute the text

10. If we love, then we love the truth. How will we show that love for truth this week in our lives?