

The Apostle John

Discussion Questions

Q10 - Truth and Love

In Ephesians 4:13-15, the apostle Paul paints a word picture that portrays spiritual maturity that balances truth with love. As you read these verses, ask yourself, “What about this portrait of maturity suggests that this is a life-time process?” Do you suspect it was also a lifetime process for John? Why or why not?

Identify a few scripture passages that contain descriptions of Christ that could be used to help people come to know him, or to know him better.

Q16 - Spiritual maturity

The young John is remarkably different from the one we meet at the end of our Bibles. He is truly an example of what happens when believers grow in Christ and allow his strength to be made perfect in their weaknesses. What kinds of qualities do you ordinarily associate with someone who is spiritually mature?

Read 1 John 3:1-3. Notice John’s words to his readers. What do these expressions indicate about the transformation of his character?

Q19 - Qualities of children

What qualities of children do you think Jesus had in mind when he called the Twelve (and John in particular) to become more like them?

What are some of the main takeaways that you have gained from John’s example? What would you like God to help you understand about yourself?