



GCBC Sermon Application & Discussion Guide (for individuals, families, small groups, etc.)

What to do right after the service to help “the Word dwell more richly,” within us (Colossians 3:16):

1. Instead of rushing off after the service is over, or talking about the latest news, develop the habit of talking about the sermon with people after church. Start spiritual conversations by asking, “How did the Scripture challenge or speak to you today?” Or “what about God in the message encouraged you?”
2. Encourage someone by sharing things you learned about God from His Word during the sermon. Make note of how your thinking has changed. Don’t let biblical teaching be a one-time event that fades from memory as soon as it is over (James 1:22-25). Choose one or two particular applications to share

[Above from book *Nine Marks of a Healthy Church Member*]

For further Application, Meditation and Conversation on today’s text:

Date: 6/27/2021 – Tests of Life: Fellowship With God (1 John 1:1-2:2)

1. First John is written to provide the church with the appropriate tests or measures for *knowing* if we have true spiritual life (see 1 John 5:13). In one word or phrase, how might we summarize the other references for John’s supporting purposes:
 - 1 John 1:4
 - 1 John 2:1
 - 1 John 2:12-14
 - 1 John 2:26
 - 1 John 5:13

2. What does 1 John 1:1-4 have to do with eternal life and knowing you have eternal life? Who is Eternal Life according to 1 John 1:1-4?

3. In 1:3 there is a key “so that...” phrase that states a purpose of John’s proclamation of this Eternal Life.

What key word describes this purpose for John’s proclamation, and what is your understanding of that key word (hint: the Greek term is *koinonia*)? Who is the key word experienced with, and How does John’s description challenge us to refresh our vision of the church’s gatherings and life together?

4. Our fellowship with God (and his people!) is meant to be enjoyed! Sin hinders our fellowship and joy. What are the three lies about sin that we must not believe so that our fellowship will be sweet. See the three “if we say” statements in verse 6, verse 8, & verse 10.

5. In between these three false claims, John weaves two marks of those who are true believers. What are these marks of genuine fellowship with God (see the “if we walk” and “if we confess” phrases in vv. 7 and 9)?