



## SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of June 15, 2025

2 John 1:1-13

***1 The elder to the elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth, and not only I, but also all who know the truth, 2 because of the truth that abides in us and will be with us forever: 3 Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love. 4 I rejoiced greatly to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as we were commanded by the Father. 5 And now I ask you, dear lady—not as though I were writing you a new commandment, but the one we have had from the beginning—that we love one another. 6 And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments; this is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, so that you should walk in it. 7 For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. Such a one is the deceiver and the antichrist. 8 Watch yourselves, so that you may not lose what we have worked for, but may win a full reward. 9 Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. 10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house or give him any greeting, 11 for whoever greets him takes part in his wicked works. 12 Though I have much to write to you, I would rather not use paper and ink. Instead I hope to come to you and talk face to face, so that our joy may be complete. 13 The children of your elect sister greet you.***

1. What do you think it means to live in a relativistic “post truth world”? Explain why truth is either good or bad. Why do you think many people reject the idea that God’s word is absolute truth?
2. The apostle John greatly rejoiced when he found that some were walking in the Father’s truth. Why is walking in God’s truth so important, and why does it matter more than any other material possession, success, accomplishment, or pleasure? In your opinion, do most Christians today place walking in God’s truth at the top of their priorities? Please explain your answer.
3. How does Christian love enable believers to walk in God’s truth? How does Christian love help to guard believers from the deceitfulness of the world’s ways? What role does the church play in this?
4. What is one of the foundational beliefs of God’s truth and how have false teachers tried to warp or add their own “progressive” ideas to that core tenet of Christianity? (Hint: think about the gospel, and how some false religions try to warp the good news of Jesus Christ)
5. Why is it important for every believer to study and understand the core doctrines of the faith? What would happen to the future of Christianity if every believer had the same level of understanding of theology as you?
6. What can you do personally to increase your knowledge of God’s truth? What are the obstacles that stand in your way and how will you overcome them?