



# SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Speaker: Chris Royalty // Sunday: July 31, 2022

- 1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study.
- 2) Read 1 John 5:1-5 together.
- 3) What stuck out to you as you read? Is there anything you don't understand? Is there anything you'd like to discuss?
- 4) Why is a confession of Jesus as the Messiah necessary for being in God's family? Is it possible to be a Christian and to waver on this issue?
- 5) How does a confession of Jesus as the Savior help with assurance in the Christian life? Is an ongoing confession more or less biblical than looking to a past decision for assurance?
- 6) Why is the new birth so important for the Christian? How does the new birth relate to repentance and faith?
- 7) Why must we maintain a connection between God's love and His commands? What is the danger of separating them?
- 8) Loving others without reference to loving God leads to a distorted understanding of love. What are some ways love can be distorted?
- 9) Do you consider obedience a joy or a burden? What can you do to make it more of a joy?
- 10) What does it mean for believers to have conquered the world? What role does faith play?
- 11) How do some people confuse faith in faith with faith in Jesus? What is the difference?
- 12) First John 5:5 says that the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God conquers the world. James 2:19 says that the demons believe there is one God. How are these two examples of belief different?
- 13) End your time in prayer. Ask God to help you apply the things you've discussed and learned during this time of study.

\* Some of these questions taken from, Daniel L. Akin, *Exalting Jesus in 1,2,3 John* (Nashville, TN: Holman Reference, 2014).