



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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- 1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study.
- 2) Read 2 John 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 does truth matter to Christianity? Why is it impossible for the truth about Jesus to be relative?
- 5) What other passages of Scripture reinforce the truth as central to biblical faith?
- 6) How are grace, mercy, peace, truth, and love related? How do these connections help you as you live out the Christian life?
- 7) Why must truth be lived rather than simply believed? Does failing to live out a belief mean it isn't true?
- 8) Why does John identify love with obedience to God's commands in this passage? What does that teach us about love?
- 9) What is significant about the incarnation of Jesus being at the center of the heresy John is combating? Why is the incarnation so scandalous? Why is it so important?
- 10) Why is going beyond the Word of God so dangerous? How has this strategy been used to lead people astray?
- 11) What is the "full reward" that John refers to, and how can believers pursue and preserve it?
- 12) Looking at the chart "The Mathematics of the Cults" (see below), give examples of each of these errors. How can we be on guard against them all at the same time?
- 13) Why does the body of Christ bring such joy to John? When have you experienced fellowship like that?
- 14) End your time in prayer. Ask God to help you apply the things you've discussed and learned during this time of study.

The Mathematics of the Cults

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| Addition (+) | They add an extra-biblical source of authority by prophet, pen, or professor. |
| Subtraction (-) | They subtract from the person and work of Jesus Christ the Son of God. They deny His deity and find inadequate His work of redemption. |
| Division (÷) | They divide our allegiance from God through Christ alone to others. |
| Multiplication (×) | They multiply requirements for salvation. All advocate some form of works salvation. |

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