

# Family Worship Guide

## 1 John

### Tips for Family Worship:

- Just do it – it may feel strange and weird the first time or two, but it is good and God will use it. Just do it and figure it out together.
- Make sure everyone participates! It will look a little different if you have young kids but find a way to get them involved. If your kid can't sing along to the songs listed but knows Jesus Loves Me, then sing it! You are not confined to the songs or the questions listed here!
- Cut out the distractions! Put your devices away (except for using them to access songs). Let this be a time where the Lord gets the all the attention from your whole family.
- Try to keep the time consistent, this will help in making family worship just a regular part of your day.
- Trust that the Lord will use it to deepen your faith and grow you closer to Him and each other.

### Background about 1 John:

Written by: The apostle John – also the author of the Gospel of John, 2/3 John and Revelation.

Written to: Nobody knows the specific church it was written to and it has often been said that it was written to the church at large.

Why was it written: 1 John was written in response to the rise of false doctrines that were leading people astray (Chapter 2:18-27). John wrote this letter to get Christians back to the basics of their faith, to encourage them to remember the true Gospel and doctrine they had received, to obey the commandments that they had been given, and to remain devoted to God and to one another.

Why it matters today: There are many false doctrines out there today. We need to be reminded of the basics of our faith, we need to be exhorted to obey what the Scriptures say, and we need to be devoted to God and one another. The more things change, the more they stay the same. Until the Lord comes back and rids the world of all sin and evil, there will be those who want to deceive us and there will still be indwelling sin to battle. So we will need this epistle until our faith becomes sight and we are with the one we love forever.

\*I used the ESV to prepare this study, so the words may be slightly different from your translation.

### **1 John 3:2 (ESV)**

*<sup>2</sup> Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.*

## Day 1

**Prayer** – Pray for: God to speak to you through His Word, all those affected by the current virus around the world, for Hagood and all churches who are not able to meet, and that God would use this situation for good – that we would see faith grow and new people come to the faith.

**Song(s)** – Glorious Day (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MHxwMYrYHPM>)  
At the Cross (Love Ran Red) (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PiGFSOAb3Vo>)  
Grace (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lgx7cCK29yM>)

**Scripture** – 1 John 1 (entire chapter)

### Discussion Questions –

- What does this passage tell us about God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit)?
  - Who is the eternal life that was in the beginning with the Father? (Vs. 1-2)
    - What does it mean that He is the eternal life?
    - What does it say about Him that He made Himself manifest to us?
  - What does it say about God's character that He allows us to have fellowship with Him? (Vs.3)
  - What does it mean that God is light and there is no darkness in Him? (Vs. 5)
  - What does Verse 9 tell us about the character of God?
    - How it that He can forgive us and yet still be just?
    - What does the blood of Jesus do? (Vs. 7)
- What does this passage say about people? (Lost and Believers?)
  - Is fellowship with God something we naturally have? Why?
  - Does every man have sin?
  - What are the two ways in which a man can walk according to this passage?
    - What is the only way we can walk in the light?
    - Can those who do not know Christ walk in the light?
- What does this passage demand of me? (How do I apply it?)
  - In Verse 2, John says talks about testifying and proclaiming Jesus. We should be testifying and proclaiming the Gospel. Who do you know who needs to hear the Gospel?
  - This passage talks about the reality that we all sin, and we cannot continue walking in sin (darkness), but instead we are to confess it and receive forgiveness. What sin in your life do you need to confess to God?
  - We are supposed to walk in the light – in obedience to God and fellowship with Him. Is there an area in your life where you are not obeying God?
  - Scripture reveals God to us and should always lead us to worship. What should we worship God for based on this passage?

**Prayer** – Thank God for being so good to us and giving us a good Gospel. Thank Him for speaking through His Word. Pray for His help in applying His Word to your heart and lives and that He would use your family to be a witness and example for Him to all those around you.

## Day 2

**Prayer** – Pray God would continue to grow you as a family as you worship together. Pray for any prayer requests that you know of. Pray for all the families that are walking through this study, that God would grow them as well. Pray that God would speak during this time.

**Song(s)** – His Mercy is More (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I1GiZL60c80>)  
Trust and Obey (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k-LdHCuo5-Y>)

**Scripture** – 1 John 2:1-6

### Discussion Questions –

- What does this passage say about God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit)?
  - What is it about the Father that requires us to have an advocate? Who is our advocate? (vs. 1)
  - How does John describe Jesus in Verse 1? Why is important that Jesus was righteous?
  - What does Verse 2 say Jesus is? (propitiation = atonement, sin offering, something sacrificed for sins instead of the sinner himself). Why was this needed? What does this say about Jesus' character?
  - What does the reality that God has commandments to follow say about God? (Verse 4)
  - In what way did Jesus walk? (Verse 6)
- What does this passage say about people (Lost and Believers)?
  - What is it about mankind that requires us to need an advocate before the Father? Who is it that has Christ as an advocate, the Lost or Believers? (Verse 1)
  - If Christ is the propitiation for our sins, what does it say about our standing before God now? (Verse 2)
  - What are believers supposed to do if we claim to know/love him? (Verse 3-5)
  - How do we know we are in Him? (Verse 5-6) Does this mean we will never sin? If not, then what does it mean? (Think about taking up one's cross and living in repentance and faith. None of this requires perfection, instead it involves a striving to do the will of the Father, just as Jesus always did the will of the Father. We will fail and fall, but the good news is that Jesus Christ the righteous is our advocate before the Father and He always lives to make intercession for us [Hebrews 7:25])
- What does this passage demand of me (How do I apply it?)
  - Believers are the only ones who have an advocate, and if you have no advocate before the Father then it means you are destined to spend eternity separated from Him. What should that lead us to do?
  - Obedience to God is a huge part of John's message to us, and our love for God is not "perfected" until we live obediently. What areas in your life do you need to obey God in today? What sins do you need to turn from?
  - How does this passage lead you to Worship God?

**Prayer** – Thank God for speaking and worship Him for everything this passage says about Him. Pray that you would be a family who abides in Him, who obeys Him and who are shining witnesses for your neighbors. Continue to pray for those affected by this virus.

## Day 3

**Prayer** – Pray for brothers and sisters in Christ around the world that face persecution, and those who are not able to meet with one another. Pray that God would sustain and grow His church during this time of uncertainty. Pray God would speak to you during this time of worship and study.

**Song(s)** – Build My Life (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=smrq6hc-vcU>)  
God You're So Good ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aHW5Zk8AA\\_U](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aHW5Zk8AA_U))

**Scripture** – 1 John 2:7-11

### Discussion Questions –

- What does this passage say about God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit)?
  - God's commandment to love is an old one, but also new in a sense because Christ tells us now to love one another *"as I have loved you."* (John 13:34) It is new because Christ has come and shown us the way we ought to love, now we have an example to follow. This is why this new commandment is *"true in Him."* (Verse 8) What does this tell us about God? About Christ?
  - Who is the true light? (Verse 8, Cross-reference John 1:9). How does He shine on earth? (cross-reference Matthew 5:14, John 15:26)
  - Where do you think the Holy Spirit comes into play? (Can we abide in the light without some help? Can we shine the light of the Gospel of Christ without the Holy Spirit? Cross-reference John 15:26)
- What does this passage say about people (Lost and Believers)?
  - This passage distinguishes again between the light and the darkness. Who abides in the light and who abides in the darkness? (Verse 9-11)
  - How does it describe those in darkness? (Verse 11)
  - How are a blind man's eyes opened? Who does it and how? (Cross-reference Psalms 146:8, Romans 10:13-14)
  - How are we supposed to treat our brothers? (Verse 9-10)
- What does this passage demand of me (How do I apply it)?
  - Obedience has been a theme through 1 John, now he is reminding us of a specific commandment, love our brothers. What does this look like? (Cross-reference 1 Corinthians 13). How are you doing loving your brothers and sisters in Christ? How about your neighbors? How about your family (kids – are you loving your parents and each other well, parents – are you loving your spouse and kids well?). What needs to change in your life in order for you to obey this commandment? Take some time to talk about how you as a family can love each other better.
  - How does this passage lead you to worship God?

**Prayer** – Pray that God would teach you to love each other in a deeper and more Christlike way. Pray God would give you opportunities to display His love to your neighbors and your brothers and sisters in Christ. Pray that many would come to know the Lord through the love and witness of your family.

Day 4

**Prayer** – Pray for the students who are currently at home in bad situations. Pray for the churches in Barnwell as we seek to minister in these times. Pray that God would continue to sanctify His people. Pray God would speak to you during this time of worship.

**Song(s)** – How Marvelous (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ue8ZCAc9xQ8>)  
More like Jesus (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1BhrCKhBFB4>)

**Scripture** – 1 John 2:12-17

### **Discussion Questions –**

- What does this passage say about God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit)?
  - This passage talks about people at different stages of life. What does it say about God that each stage of life can know Him?
  - What does it say about the God that we are even able to know Him?
  - What does verse 12 tell us about God? Why does He forgive our sins?
  - What does it say about God that he is from the beginning? (Verse 13)
  - What does it say about the Father that the desires of this world do not come from Him? (Verse 16)
- What does this passage say about people (Lost and Believers)?
  - Verses 12-14 tells us many things about believers, list them and discuss them.
  - Verse 15 describes the world (the lost). What characterizes them?
  - Verse 15 gives a command to believers, what is it?
  - Who/what is passing away according to verse 17? Who abides forever?
- What does this passage demand of me (How do I apply it)?
  - Go back to the list of descriptions of believers found in verses 12-14. These are all things we can grow in (except for verse 12, because our sins are fully and finally forgiven). We can grow in our knowledge and our strength and our abiding. What ways do you need to grow? What do you need to do to facilitate that growth?
  - Verses 15-17 talk about desires of the world/flesh. We all have them and struggle with them. What desires/sins in your life need to be put to death? How can you help each other fight those sins?
  - How does this passage lead you to worship God?

**Prayer** – Praise God for His Gospel that reaches people in all stages of life, and that grows us from little children in the faith to fathers and mothers in the faith. Pray that God would grow you from where you are now, and that he would use you to help others come to Christ and grow in their faith. Pray that the Spirit would equip you through His Word to fight the fleshly desires that we are prone to. Pray that a year from now, we would be able to look back on this time as a time where God moved in miraculous and powerful ways in the life of your family, the church and the world.

Day 5

**Prayer** – Pray for a specific person that you know is lost, that God would use you to share the Gospel with them and that they would respond in faith. Pray that God would continue to speak through this study and continue to grow you and your family closer to Him.

**Song(s)** – Blessed Assurance (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4bMqOv4q8dM>)  
Great Are You Lord (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vQLMnPYoR9k>)

**Scripture** – 1 John 2:18-27

### Discussion Questions –

- What does this passage say about God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit)?
  - What does it say about God that He anoints us and that that anointing abides? (Verse 20/27)
  - Who is that anointing? What does He do? (Verse 27, cross-reference John 14:26)
  - What does it mean that Jesus is the Christ? (Verse 22)
  - What does it say about God that if you deny the Son you do not have the Father? (Verse 23, cross-reference John 10:30)
  - We see the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit in this passage. What does this tell us about God?
- What does this passage say about people (Lost and Believers)?
  - How does John describe those who depart from us (the Church)? (Verse 19)
  - Who has been anointed? Why do we need this anointing? (Verse 20/27)
  - Who are the antichrists John is referring to? (Verse 18-19, 22 and chapter 4 verse 3 and 2 John 7)

*[\*John seems to be referring to people who had left the church, who do not confess that Jesus has come, and who are deceivers. He says they have the spirit of antichrist. This could mean every “Christian” who left and renounced their faith, or it could mean some of those who had deceived and led others astray. In either case, it centers around not confessing that Jesus came from God in the flesh, not believing He is the Son of God, moving from a place where they once were part of the church that confessed Christ to now being adamant against Christ. This is the “spirit of antichrist” and points us forward to the final antichrist to come one day. The reality that there are many should cause us to be on guard against any would seek to lead others away from the true Gospel.]*

  - Who has the Father? (Verse 23)
- What does this passage demand of me (How do I apply it)?
  - Because there are deceivers out there we should be on guard and prepared to confess and teach the true Gospel. Take some time to talk about what the Gospel is and to thank God for that Gospel.
  - Verse 27 ends with the command to abide in Him. What does this look like? How can you as an individual and you together as a family abide in Him? What needs to change in your life/lives for this to happen on a deeper level?

**Prayer** – Pray that the Lord would protect you, your family, and the church from being led astray. Pray the Lord would use each of you to impact the world with the true Gospel

Day 6

**Prayer** – Pray over your neighbors by name then ask God to speak to you through His Word.

**Song(s)** – Glorious Day (<https://youtu.be/K32-rS8EXhA>)

More like Jesus (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1BhrCKhBFB4>)

**Scripture** – 1 John 2:28-3:10

**Discussion Questions** –

- What does this passage say about God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit)?
  - Verse 28 says “when he appears” and references “his coming.” What does this tell us about Jesus?
  - What does verse 29 tell us about Jesus?
  - How does verse 1 describe the Father? How is His love for us expressed?
  - What did Jesus come to take away? (Verse 5)
  - What did Jesus come to destroy? (Verse 8). What does that mean?
- What does this passage say about people (Lost and Believers)?
  - How does verse 1 describe a believer’s relationship to God?
  - What does it mean that the “world does not know us?” Why is it that they do not know us? (Verse 1)
  - Verse 2 tells us that we will be made like Him. When will this happen? What causes this change? What does it mean to be made like Him?
  - What does verse 6 tell us about those who “keep on sinning?” Why is this the case? (Verse 5 and 8)
  - Verse 9 tells us that “No one born of God makes a practice of sinning.” Does this mean that a believer will never sin? If not, what does it mean?

*We all know that we still sin, in fact we have already read that, “if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.” (1:8) But there is a big difference in someone who loves the Lord and fights sin and fails sometimes, and someone who purposely makes a practice of sinning, who pursues sin. This verse tells us that those who still pursue sin with no repentance or conviction are not of God because God has put His seed in us, and now we have been born of God. We have His Spirit and a new heart and because of that believers will be convicted and will continue to fight sin.*

- How do we know who is saved and who is lost according to verse 10?
- What does this passage demand of me (How do I apply it)?
  - Verse 3 tells us to place our hope in the reality of verse 2, that He is coming for us and that, when He does, we will be made like Him. One day our battle with sin will finally be over. Are you hoping in that reality today?
  - Verse 3 also tells us to purify ourselves, and verses 4-10 tells us what that looks like: not sinning but instead practicing righteousness. What sins do you need to put to death today? What are some things you need to do in order to “practice righteousness?”
  - How does this passage lead you to worship God?

**Prayer** – Each one of you pray for each other. Pray God would help you fight sin and live like Him.

Day 7

**Prayer** – Pray for our leaders (city, state and national) as they continue to deal with this pandemic. Pray for Hagood Church. Pray that God would speak to you through His Word.

**Song(s)** – Build My Life (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=smrq6hc-vcU>)  
His Mercy is More (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l1GiZL60c80>)

**Scripture** – 1 John 3:11-24

### Discussion Questions –

- What does this passage say about God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit)?
  - What does verse 16 tell us about Jesus?
  - What does it mean that God is greater than our hearts? (Verse 20)
  - What does verse 24 tell us about God? How do we know He abides in us?
- What does this passage say about people (Lost and Believers)?
  - What is the defining characteristic of believers according to this passage?
  - What does verse 15 tell us about those who hate their brother?
  - How does one know they are of the truth? (Verse 19)
  - Verse 20 talks about our hearts condemning us and points us to the truth that God is greater than our hearts and he knows everything. What does it mean for our heart to condemn us? Why does John then talk about God being greater?

*This is an interesting passage that really applies in two different ways to us:*

- 1) *Sometimes our “heart” (conscience) condemns or accuses us wrongly. Sometimes we really are following the Lord and loving Him and our neighbors well, but doubt slips in. Here we need to be encouraged that God knows all and He is greater than our hearts. Our hearts are not the final judge, He is, and He has promised to say, “well done good and faithful servant,” to all those who follow Him.*
  - 2) *Sometimes our heart condemns or accuses us rightly. Sometimes we really have messed up. Sometimes we really have Loved God and neighbor poorly. Here we need to be reminded that God’s judgment on those things is even harsher than our hearts. But this should not cause us to fear but instead to repent and go to Him for forgiveness and grace. He always stands ready to forgive.*
    - Verse 22 says we receive whatever we ask, but we know that if you prayed for 1 million dollars chances are it won’t happen. So what does this verse mean?
    - Who is it that abides in God? (Verse 23) What are the commandments being talked about (Verse 23, cross-reference Mark 12:28-34, Matthew 22:34-40, Galatians 5:14)
- What does this passage demand of me (How do I apply it)?
    - The theme of this passage is to love our brother in real, genuine and tangible ways not just in word or talk. (Verse 18). Are there ways that you have failed to love one another? How about those outside your family? How can you love one another and love your neighbors better? Will you hold each other accountable to do it?
    - How does this passage lead you to worship God?

**Prayer** – Take some time to ask God to help you love one another and your neighbors better and to reveal specific ways to do that. Pray that many would come to know Him because of the love you show.

## Day 8

**Prayer** – Take some time to pray for any prayer concerns you know of. Pray for the lost around you and around the world and ask God to use your family in taking the Gospel to them. Pray for God to speak to you through His Word.

**Song(s)** – Blessed Assurance (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4bMqOv4q8dM>)  
God You're So Good ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aHW5Zk8AA\\_U](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aHW5Zk8AA_U))

**Scripture** – 1 John 4:1-6

### Discussion Questions –

- What does this passage say about God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit)?
  - How can we tell if something has come from the Spirit of God? What does this tell us about the Spirit? (Verse 2, cross-reference John 15:26)
  - What does verse 2 tell us about Jesus? Why is this good news?
  - What does it mean that God is greater than the world? (Verse 4)
- What does this passage say about people (Lost and Believers)?
  - Who are those that have the Spirit of God? (Verse 2)
  - Who are those who do not have the Spirit of God? (Verse 3)
  - What does this passage tell us about false prophets and the spirit of the antichrist (*Spirit here refers to teachers or doctrines. The spirit of antichrist would be false teachers and false doctrines, while the spirits described in verse 2 are true teachers and true doctrines because they confess that Jesus has come in the flesh from God.*)
    - Who follows these false teachers and doctrines? (Verse 5)
    - Can you think of examples of this today?
  - How can we know the difference between the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error? (Verse 6)
    - John says whoever listens to us - what does that mean for us today?
- What does this passage demand of me (How do I apply it)?
  - Verse 1 tells us to test the spirits. We are to actively be examining our teachers and the doctrines they teach to make sure they are true, that they line up with the Scriptures. This means we need to know the Gospel and the Scriptures really well. How are you doing in studying and knowing the Word? Do you make sure to examine the things you hear, see on social media, or are taught to ensure that they line up with the Word?
  - We know there are a lot of false teachers out there. Are you on guard against them? Do you pray that those who follow them will come to believe the true God and His Gospel?
  - How does this passage lead you to worship God?

**Prayer** – Take some time to thank God for His Gospel and for giving you His Spirit and His truth. Thank Him for putting you in a church that teaches truth. Pray for those you know who are following false religions of prophets, pray that God would open their eyes to His truth. Pray that God would grow you more and more in His truth so that you are well guarded from being led astray.

Day 9

**Prayer** – Take some time to pray for one another, tell each other what to pray about. Pray that God would speak to you through His Word.

**Song(s)** – Sovereign over us (<https://youtu.be/EufaligPigU>)  
Great Are You Lord (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vQLMnPYoR9k>)

**Scripture** – 1 John 4:7-21

**Discussion Questions** –

- What does this passage say about God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit)?
  - God is \_\_\_\_\_? Talk about what this means. How did He show this to us? (Verse 8-10)
  - What do these same verses teach us about the Son? (Remember propitiation= atonement, sin offering, something sacrificed for sins instead of the sinner himself)
  - What has God given us? (Verse 13)
  - What does verse 14 tell us about Jesus?
- What does this passage say about people (Lost and Believers)?
  - Who loved first, God or us? What does this tell us about who we are by nature? (Verse 10)
  - No one can see God, but how do verses 12-16 tell us we can know He abides in us?
  - What does it mean that God's love is perfected in us? (Verse 12)

*We know that God is not lacking so His love is already perfect. However, we are not. We very often do things that do not represent God's love well. But when we love one another in a Biblical way that reflects how He has loved us, His love is "perfected in us," it is seen clearly and as Jesus said, "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:35)*

- Why can we have confidence on the day of judgement? (Verse 17)
  - What does perfect love do for us? Who loves us perfectly? What does it say about us if we fear punishment? (Verse 18-19)
  - What are we if we say we love God yet hate our brother? (Verse 20)
- What does this passage demand of me (How do I apply it)?
    - Testify and confess. We are to confess that Jesus is the Son of God and testify to that truth. (Verse 14-15). Do you testify with your words and your actions? What can you do to better testify to the truth of the Gospel?
    - Trust the love of God. Perfect love casts out fear. Are you resting in the love of the Lord?
    - How does this passage lead you to worship God?

**Prayer** – Pray that God would grow your trust in His love. Pray that He will use you to testify to His Gospel. Pray that God will continue to grow your love for one another. Pray for the lost around you, that God will use you to bring the Gospel to them.

Day 10

**Prayer** – Take some time to thank God for His Gospel and His Grace in your life. Pray that He will continue to grow you in grace and that you would never take for granted His Son and His Sacrifice. Pray God would speak to you through His Word.

**Song(s)** – Glorious Day (<https://youtu.be/K32-rS8EXhA>)  
Grace (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lgx7cCK29yM>)

**Scripture** – 1 John 5:1-12

**Discussion Questions –**

- What does this passage say about God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit)?
  - What does verse 6 tell us about Jesus?

*Jesus came by water and blood. Water here is meant to represent life and cleansing, we see this in Baptism. The waters represent the washing away of sin and the raising in new life. The blood, His blood, represents the atoning payment for sin. His blood paid the debt. We remember this every time we take the Lord's Supper. So, He came by water (to purify and bring new life) and blood (to atone for sin) and the Spirit testifies to that truth. In the OT three things were always used to ordain a priest: he was washed with water, a sacrifice was brought, and His toe was touched with blood. He was then anointed with oil to represent the anointing of the Spirit. These were signs of their priesthood: water, blood and Spirit. Here we see that these three signs (water, blood, Spirit) testify to Christ being The Great High Priest.*

- What does verse 6 tell us about the Spirit?
- Who gives us eternal life and who is that life in? (Verse 11)
- What does this passage say about people (Lost and Believers)?
  - Believers are supposed to love God. How do we love God? (Verse 3)
  - What is the victory that has overcome the world? (Verse 4). How does this overcome the world?
  - What does verse 10 tell us about those who do not believe in Jesus?
  - Who has life? Who does not have life? (Verse 12)
- What does this passage demand of me (How do I apply it)?
  - Have faith. Faith overcomes the world. How is your faith right now? Is it strong or weak, or somewhere in-between? We all need to grow in our faith, the good news is faith the size of a mustard seed moves mountains. Ask God to deepen your faith.
  - Love your brother. Here it is again, John cannot get away from it because it is essential. Have you grown in your love for one another since beginning this study? How about in your love for your neighbors?
  - How does this passage lead you to worship God?

**Prayer** – Pray that God would deepen your faith in Him and that your faith would shine through in all you say and do. Pray that you would continue to grow in your love for one another and your love for your neighbors.

## Day 11

**Prayer** – Take some time to pray for Hagood to grow in the grace of the Lord, that we would all grow in our faith and obedience to Him and that many would come to know the Lord because of His Church at Hagood. Pray that God would speak to you through His Word.

**Song(s)** – Blessed Assurance (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4bMqOv4q8dM>)

**Scripture** – 1 John 5:13-21

### Discussion Questions –

- What does this passage say about God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit)?
  - What does verse 16 tell us about God?
  - What does verse 20 tell us about Jesus?
- What does this passage say about people (Lost and Believers)?
  - What kind of things are we to ask of the Lord? (Verse 14)
  - What are we supposed to do when we see a brother who is caught in sin? (Verse 16)

*A big question is: what is the sin leading to death? This is most likely speaking of blasphemy of the Holy Spirit (Mark 3:28-30). Now the question is: what is the blasphemy of the Holy Spirit. A short definition is: Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit is someone who knows the truth of the Gospel yet deliberately rejects it out of hatred. In the Mark passage they were attributing the work of Christ to that of Satan himself. They knew the truth but they hated Christ. Their hearts were hardened against the grace of God.*

- Who does God protect? (Verse 18)
  - What does it say about the evil one?
- Who lies under the power of the evil one? (Verse 19)
- What are we to keep ourselves from? (Verse 21)
- What does this passage demand of me (How do I apply it)?
  - Pray. We are supposed to pray and to pray expectantly. How is your prayer life? What do you need to do to grow your prayer life? Do you pray for your brothers and sisters in Christ?
  - Keep yourself from idols. John ends his letter with this statement, it must be vitally important. Idols draw us from the Lord. Are there any idols in your life?
  - How does this passage lead you to worship God?

**Prayer** – Take some time to talk about what God has taught you through this study. Thank Him for speaking to you. Thank Him for His Word and the fact that you have access to it. Thank Him for your family. Pray that He would continue to grow each of you individually and that He would grow you as a family. Pray that He would keep your eyes fixed on Him.