



LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE



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Dive In (10 Minutes)

Go around and let everyone share... What is a time you bought a product or hired a service that claimed to be "high quality" or "professional," but it quickly fell apart or failed to deliver? How did that experience change what you look for to prove something is genuinely authentic?

Dig Deep (40 Minutes)

Read 1 John 2:3-6 aloud.

- Look closely at verse 3 ("*We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands*"). In a culture that values verbal claims and surface-level brand identity, why does John point to active obedience as the ultimate test of authentic faith?
- Notice the strong language in verse 4 ("*Whoever says, 'I know him,' but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person*"). Why does John refuse to leave room for a "cheap grace" that claims a relationship with Jesus without any change in lifestyle? What makes a disconnect between our words and our actions so destructive to our witness?
- Focus on verse 5: "*But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them*". How is obedience tied directly to love rather than legalistic duty? How does delighting in God's word complete and mature our relationship with Him?
- Consider the standard set in verse 6: "*Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus walked*". What does it practically look like in our daily choices, conversations, and attitudes to "walk as Jesus walked"? Where do you find it hardest to align your walk with His rhythm?

Do Big (10 Minutes)

- Tell about a time in your life when stepping out in obedience to God—even when it was hard—helped you experience the reality and closeness of Jesus in a deeper way.
- How does this passage offer both deep reassurance (knowing we are truly in Him) and a healthy challenge to examine if our daily lives reflect an authentic Savior?