

Little Letters | 2 John

March 3rd, 4th, 2024

My Story Questions

These questions/activities help the group know one another and transition to deeper discussion. Choose one. OR.... You might start the meeting with one person sharing highlights of their story. Set up a rotation.

- 1) Where have you seen God at work this week?
- 2) What prayers have been answered recently?

Study Questions

Try to go in order from observation to interpretation to application and feel free to choose a few questions you like from each section or add your own.

Observation Questions: What do you observe about the text?

Read 2 John

- 1) What words are repeated often or stand out to you?
- 2) How would you summarize this letter in your own words?
- 3) What do you learn about the recipient of this letter?

Interpretation Questions: What does it mean?

- 4) When have you seen someone walking in truth? What influences were keeping people from walking in truth then? Now?
- 5) John quotes from the teachings of Jesus regarding love. What is the connection between loving and obeying? (John 15:12, 13:34, 14:23) When have you seen someone walking in love?
- 6) How are the concepts of truth and love interconnected in this letter? Why is it important that truth and love are inseparable? (See Ephesians 4:14-16)
- 7) In what situations do they seem to oppose each other? What do you think of "tough love"?
- 8) How did Jesus embody both truth and love in his life on earth? (John 4 - Woman at the well)
- 9) What do you think about the command to the woman to not welcome false teachers into the home? How is this loving? What was the context then and how is it similar or different today?

Application Questions: What do I do?

- 10) Do you lean more toward truth or love? How have you struggled with keeping them together in the past?
- 11) Living the truth in love requires meditation on God's story. What are you doing to help yourself think along Bible story lines not just in Bible verses?
- 12) In what situations are you presently trying to juggle truth and love?

Responding to Jesus

Offer these questions for personal reflection before your group prayer time. Practice listening for God's voice.

- 1) Lord, "Who needs to see your truth in love demonstrated by me today?"
- 2) Lord, "When have you spoken the truth in love to me?"