



Series: The DNA of a Relationship with Jesus

Passage: 1 John 1:1-4

Title: The Transmission of Joy

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Discussion Starter – How does the transmission of joy reflect our relationship with Jesus?

- Why do you think John the apostle refers to himself as the “disciple who Jesus loved?”
- What name did Jesus have for both John and his brother James early in His earthly ministry? Read Mark 3:17. Why do you think this name or title was given to them?
- What do you think is the overall theme John is trying to communicate to us in verses 1-4?
- How can we see by John’s writings that he had an abiding relationship with Jesus? What are some of the things that keep us from having an abiding relationship with Jesus?
- Why do you think God wants to have a relationship with you? How would you explain this to someone who is not a believer?
- The phrase “in the beginning” and “from the beginning” are used in the bible to point us to a specific truth. Read Genesis 1:1, John 1:1 and 1 John 1:1. How do all these verses tie together and what key truth do they reveal to us about the DNA of a relationship with Jesus
- Read Revelation 1:8. How does this verse impact your perception of the relationship Jesus wants to have with you?
- What does the importance of God in the flesh mean to you? How do you communicate this truth to others?
- What do you see that is significant about the way John describes his experience with Jesus? What does this tell you about their relationship? How do you think their relationship continued to grow after Jesus ascended to the Father? What insights do we have as believer’s that do not get to see Jesus in the flesh as John did?
- What enables John to make this declaration in verse 3? What is this declaration and how does it apply to us? Read Romans 8:3-4. Discuss the insights and application of this passage.
- Why do you think that our highest calling in life is to have fellowship with God? Read John 14:15-21. What do we learn about God’s plan for us and what does this fellowship look like in our day to day lives?
- What enables you to transmit joy for Jesus? Read John 15:9-11. What insights about joy are revealed in these verses?