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THE 1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD LETTERS OF JOHN

Literary Form:

- First John reads like a _____.

Authorship:

- "The Johannine Letters clearly belong to the same _____ or _____ of early Christianity that produced the Gospel of John." -Moody

Central Theme of John's Letters:

- Jesus, the Son of God, truly came _____.

What we believe about Jesus shapes how we:

- understand _____.
- exercise _____.
- _____ people around us.

John's letters show us:

- _____ at work in an actual community.

Through Christ:

- _____ takes on _____.

Koinonia (fellowship) is defined as:

- A life held in _____.

One Thing:

- We cannot separate _____ with God from our _____ life with one another.



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1. Which sensory do you think you most experience life through? Sight, smell, touch, taste, or hearing?
2. Think of a belief or value that became more meaningful because you saw it embodied in another person. What did that person's life help you understand?
3. When have you experienced fellowship that felt like more than simply spending time in the same room? What made it feel like a genuinely shared life?
4. **Read John 1:1-14 alongside 1 John 1:1-2.** What connections do you notice between the openings of these two writings? What does it mean that the eternal Word and life of God "appeared" in Jesus?
5. **Read 1 John 4:1-3.** Why does John place so much importance on confessing that Jesus Christ truly came in the flesh? How does the incarnation keep Christian theology from becoming merely abstract?
6. **Read 1 John 1:3-4 and Acts 2:42-47.** How do these passages deepen our understanding of koinōnia as participation, sharing, and a life held in common? How are fellowship with God and fellowship with one another connected?
7. The sermon stated, *"What we believe about Jesus shapes how we understand sin, how we exercise power, and how we treat the people around us."* Which of those three areas most challenges you right now? Why?
8. **Read 1 John 3:16-18.** What would it look like for the love of God to become something heard, seen, or touched through your life this week?

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LifeGroup Questions