

2 John 1:1-6 - Walk On

Opening Thoughts

1. Where do you go and what do you do when you need some space for yourself?
2. What's one of the nicest walks you've been on?

Into the Passage

Read 2 John 1:1-6

3. Why does John refer to the church as “the elect lady?”
4. What is the truth that John talks about in these verses?
5. In verses 4-6, he talks about walking in the truth & walking according to his commandments. How does someone walk this way?
6. In verse 4, some of the children are walking in truth. This suggests that some aren't. What makes walking in truth difficult?
7. What is the commandment that John is talking about?

Moving Forward

8. How would you rate your current status of walking in the truth?
9. As one body in Christ, how can we help each other walk in truth and in his commandments?
10. In verse 6 John says what love is. How can you live that definition in the relationships with the people around you?

Life Together

Part of being a cell group is developing honest and authentic community where we are able to support one another in trust.

11. Looking ahead to 2012, we are really going to find ways to encourage each other Walk On. This means walking daily, and walking with each other. Come up with some practical ways you can hold each other accountable daily/weekly.
12. And for fun, plan a day to go on a walk together. :)

Isaiah 9:1-7 - Some Leader's Notes

These notes are primarily for the Into the Passage portion, and are to be used just as guidelines or commentary notes. Most of them are my own thoughts, so take that with a grain of salt. Let the Word of God lead you to truth, not these notes. Don't place too much focus on them, and let the Bible study discussion lead primarily from the passage itself.

Into the Passage

Read Isaiah 9:1-7

3. Why does John refer to the church as "the elect lady?"

John writes to "the elect lady." This more likely refers to a congregation than to an individual.

The word "church" in Greek is feminine in gender, and "lady" would go along with that. Second, the church is depicted as "bride" elsewhere in John's writings. Third, the Greek word, "kyria" ("lady") referred to a social subunit in the Greek city-state. John may use this word for a local congregation instead of the more common feminine word ekklesia. -ESV Study Bible

4. What is the truth that John talks about in these verses?

Truth and love are two themes that John commonly writes about and his gospel emphasises both of those ideas. In particular, with John, truth is seen and known through Christ. He is the way, the truth and the life. When John is writing this letter to the churches, he is reminding them of the truth of Christ, and the truth that they now know - about their salvation, their calling, and their identity. The truth which abides in us (individuals & the church) is Christ.

5. In verses 4-6, he talks about walking in the truth & walking according to his commandments. How does someone walk this way?

In this letter, walking in truth and walking in his commandments is seen by loving one another. That reflects the truth of God in their lives.

6. In verse 4, some of the children are walking in truth. This suggests that some aren't. What makes walking in truth difficult?

During those times, there was always the threat of persecution as well as a person's own sinful desires which waged war against their lives. Walking in truth is difficult because we too often submit to temptation, and forget the identity and freedom that we have received in Christ.

Walking in truth is difficult because we are prone to believing a lie.

7. What is the commandment that John is talking about?

Luke 10:27