



A Guided Tour of the Bible: Discovering God in

1 John

Background

- Written by John the Apostle sometime around 90 AD. The Holy Spirit inspired John to write five books in the New Testament: John, 1, 2, and 3 John, and Revelation.
- It was most likely a circular letter written to the churches of Asia Minor after notable false teachers and their followers departed the church (2:18-27).
- This book is a companion to the Gospel of John (John 20:31) (1 John 5:13).
- 1 John has four purposes: to promote joy (1:4), prevent sin (2:1), protect believers (2:26), and provide assurance (5:13).

Roadmap

1. **A Clean Life** (1:5-2:2)
(2:12-17) (3:1-8)
2. **A Compassionate Life**
(2:3-11) (3:9-17)
(4:7-21)
3. **A Discerning Life**
(2:18-27) (4:1-6)
4. **A Confident Life**
(2:28-29) (3:18-24)
(5:1-21)

Landmark

John writes to remind dull, dead believers (Rev. 2:1-7) of their fellowship with God (1:1-4). Friendship and partnership with God creates a life that is morally clean, intellectually crisp, outwardly kind, and inwardly confident.

Must See

Jesus is the Word of God, come into the flesh, to communicate God's character and compassion to the world (1:1-4) (3:1-3) (4:7-11).

Takeaways

Fellowship with the God of Light:

- Creates purity, so shine brightly!
- Creates clarity, so think discerningly!

Fellowship with the God of Love:

- Creates compassion, so love sacrificially!
- Creates confidence, so stand firmly!