



## Sermon Discussion Guide

1 John: Searching for Certainty

1 John 2:7-14

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### Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Read the Scripture printed above. What stands out to you? What do you find interesting and/or important? What is challenging or causes you to have questions?

### Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

#### INTRODUCTION

1. In this passage, the Apostle John introduces what Ronnie calls the “love test.” John insists that love for God must manifest itself in love for others. A train wreck with God’s love always leaves a mark. Have you ever known a person who categorically became a more loving person because of their relationship with Christ? How does Christ love form you?
2. What was your one, big takeaway from the sermon? How would you summarize the main theme of the sermon in one phrase or sentence?

#### THE BASIS (vv. 7-8)

1. God has always commanded that we love him, and love our neighbor. In what way is the “Old” commandment a “New” one? How is Jesus’ love unique? Do you love people outside of your “tribe”?

#### THE TEST (vv. 9-11)

1. When the Apostle John talks about loving your “brothers” he is not speaking about blood related siblings, he is speaking about friends. How is friendship a sacred and unique part of Christianity? Ronnie made the case that friendship will not force itself on you, but it makes you something more than you are. How have you seen this in your own life?

#### THE RESOURCES (vv. 12-14)

1. The Apostle John addresses three different categories of people in vv12-14. What are they? Why is this significant that people are in “different places?” How do you see your walk with Christ as a process?

### Step 3: Final Reflections

1. John says that we are forgiven “for His name’s sake.” Why is this important? What other reasons might we be tempted to trust in for our forgiveness?

2. How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
  
3. In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?