

True Witnesses to the Life – I John 1:1-4

Jesus was from the beginning.

Jesus was empirically known.

Jesus was proclaimed.

Jesus brings fellowship and joy.

Questions for Discussion & Application:

1. What was difficult, helpful, or challenging from this study of God's Word?
2. The Apostle John writes this letter to reassure true Christians of their salvation in the face false teachers who sowed the seeds of confusion and doubt. (see I John 5:13). What kinds of false teachings could lead true Christians to doubt their salvation and relationship with God today?
3. John labored to make the point that he and the other apostles were eyewitnesses of Christ who had even touched Him. Why would this be such an important point for him to make?
4. Why is the historical fact of the physical resurrection of Jesus from the dead absolutely essential to Christianity? (see I Corinthians 15:17-21)
5. How does it encourage you to know that our faith rests upon many credible eyewitnesses to the resurrection who were ready to lay down their lives for this truth?
6. What was John's hope in proclaiming the message of Jesus? (see I John 1:3-4)

7. As Christians we have fellowship (an authentic relationship) with the Lord and also with each other. What does this fellowship with the Lord and other believers look like in your own life?
8. How does your own relationship with God and fellowship with other believers result in a more complete joy in your life?
9. Joy is to be a key characteristic of our lives as Christians. How is joy seen and experienced in your life? What could be hindering your experience of joy?
10. How can we follow the example of John and proclaim what we know to be true of Jesus so that others might also have fellowship and joy?