



A Worship Study Guide for Individuals, Groups and Families for the week of May 23 2021

This is Love

This week, Pastor Steve Shelby preached from [II John 1:5-11](#)

⁵ And now I ask you, dear lady— not as though I were writing you a new commandment, but the one we have had from the beginning—that we love one another. ⁶ And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments; this is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, so that you should walk in it. ⁷ For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. Such a one is the deceiver and the antichrist. ⁸ Watch yourselves, so that you may not lose what we have worked for, but may win a full reward. ⁹ Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. ¹⁰ If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house or give him any greeting, ¹¹ for whoever greets him takes part in his wicked works.

For Further Discussion....

- What has God used to **teach you about love** over the course of your life? **About truth?**
- What does John tell us about how to **spot “deceivers”**? How is the **church to relate** to such deceivers?
- John teaches that the **mark of authenticity** for the Christian is **love**. How does John **define “love”** (6)? Can you **give an example** of how this works?
- John teaches that the **mark of authenticity** for teachers of the Christian faith is that they confess the **coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh** (7). **Why** is this at the very **heart of discipleship** for John?
- What happens when we attempt to **walk in love without truth**?
- What happens when we attempt to **walk in truth without love**?
- **Pray together** in light of this week’s passage.

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