



GROUP STUDY GUIDE

WEEK OF MAY 28, 2023 | LOVE AND WAR: MARCHING ORDERS

WARM-UP QUESTION

When you were a kid, what has something your parents had to remind you of over and over?

DISCUSS

Start your discussion by sharing what stood out to you from Sunday's message. Were there any new insights or key takeaways for you?

Read 1 John 2:1-6

- What does it mean that Jesus is our advocate? How does this impact the way you view your relationship with Jesus?
- Why does it matter that we keep God's commands? How does this change the way we live?
- What words or phrases are repeated in this passage? Why do you think John repeated them?
- In this passage, where do you see evidence that justice matters to Jesus? Where else in Scripture do we see examples of justice being important to Jesus?

Read 1 John 2:7-11

- Then, read John 13:34. What is the new commandment from Jesus? How does this connect to the passage in 1 John 2?
- Why do you think the illustrations of light and darkness are important in this passage?
- How does hating a brother or sister cause you to walk in darkness?
- Reflect on your relationships. Is there someone you're hanging onto with bitterness or anger toward? What would it take to help you move from darkness to light in that relationship?

Read 1 John 2:12-14

- What are the different seasons of life John references in this passage? Why do you think he chose these seasons of life?
- What are the differences between the groups of people John references? Does knowing where someone is at in their faith journey impact how you interact with them? If so, how?
- How can your group encourage each other to walk toward maturity in Christ?

RESPOND

- Based on what you just discussed, what do you think God is prompting you to do in response? When will you do it?
- Pray together as a group for the specific goals or areas of struggle that came up in your discussion. Thank God for revealing more of who He is, and ask Him to help you apply what He's prompting you to do this week.