

## LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

## 1 JOHN SERIES

These questions are for the **July 30, 2017** sermon, "These Three Agree." Please read the sermon passage (1 John 5:6-12) together out loud.

1. These three agree (6-8)
  - a. Water-the testimony of Jesus' life
    - i. Jesus is the God-man, who is the Son of God.
    - ii. Jesus came on and completed his earthly mission: to seek and to save the lost.
  - b. Blood-the testimony of Jesus' death and resurrection
    - i. Our sin is a radical rebellion against God, which requires death.
    - ii. Jesus is the God-man, whose death paid for sin perfectly.
  - c. Spirit-the testimony of the truth of God's Word
    - i. The Spirit leads us in accordance with Jesus and the Word of God.
    - ii. The Spirit will never contradict the Son who is the Word.
2. One more witness, especially for today (9-10)
  - a. These three comprise "the testimony of God" himself.
  - b. God has placed his testimony (water, blood & Spirit) in each of his believers (you!)
    - i. Stop listening to any testimony about God that does not align with his Word.
    - ii. Start testifying with confidence, because we are God's witnesses in this world.
3. Whoever has the Son, has life (11-12)
  - a. This eternal life is a gift from God.
  - b. Having life is the same thing as having the Son.
  - c. Eternal life belongs (right now) to those who have received God's testimony

### Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: The "water" emphasizes Jesus' life and example. It's a great place to start a conversation because very few people deny that Jesus lived. How do you start conversations about Jesus with a friend or co-worker? What seems to help? What does not help?
2. Based on #1, above: The "blood" emphasizes Jesus' death and the payment for sin. It points emphatically to the fact that he is God, and that Jesus is the only Savior--the unique sacrifice of God for the forgiveness of sin. How do you move the conversation from Jesus' life to his death? What Scriptures do you use?
3. Based on #2, above: The Spirit leads us into truth. He teaches us exactly what Jesus taught us, and will never contradict the Word of God. He gives us the confidence to believe and testify to what he teaches, and the confidence to reject anything that does not line up with what he teaches. What is the Spirit leading you to confess or reject today?
4. Based on #3, above: Having life is the same thing as having the Son. We must believe God's testimony about his Son. People who wrestle with "Do I have life?" should wrestle with "Do I have the Son?" And "Do I fully embrace what God has testified about his Son?" Do you have an assurance of your own life that comes from your full acceptance of God's testimony?