

EAST RIDGE FAMILY BIBLE CLASS – DISCUSSION GUIDE

# I JOHN CHAPTER ONE

**BEGIN WITH A PRAYER (“Open our hearts”)**

**READ TOGETHER: I John 1:1-2**

How was Jesus “eternal life...made manifest”?  
Compare these verses to the Gospel of John 1:1-14.

**READ TOGETHER: I John 1:3-4**

How does sharing Jesus create unity and fellowship?  
Why is our joy complete only when we share Jesus?

**READ TOGETHER: I John 1:5**

God is light. What does this tell us about God?  
Can darkness exist in the light? ...Why?

**READ TOGETHER: I John 1:6**

If we live in darkness, what is proven about us?  
Why is it a lie when Christians fail to practice truth?

**READ TOGETHER: I John 1:7**

What does it look like to “walk in the light”?  
Why does this bring fellowship and cleansing of sin?

**READ TOGETHER: I John 1:8**

Is anyone perfectly sinless?  
Why would someone pretend to be sinless?

**READ TOGETHER: I John 1:9**

Why is it important to confess our sins?  
What does God do when we confess our sins?

**READ TOGETHER: I John 1:10**

How can we best recognize our own sin?  
How do we ensure that God's Word is in us?

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# I JOHN CHAPTER TWO

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**READ TOGETHER: I John 2:1-2**

What is an “advocate”? ...How is Jesus our advocate?  
What is “propitiation”? ...Why can Jesus do this for us?

**READ TOGETHER: I John 2:3-6**

How do we prove that we know God and are in God?  
How is God's love perfected in us?

**READ TOGETHER: I John 2:7-11**

Can you be in the light if you hate your brother?  
What should we do to see so that we do not stumble?

**READ TOGETHER: I John 2:12-14**

Why does John say that he is writing to children?  
Why is he writing to fathers? ...Why to young men?

**READ TOGETHER: I John 2:15-17**

Why should we not love the world or the things in it?  
What do we desire that is “passing away”?

**READ TOGETHER: I John 2:18-22**

...How many antichrists are there?  
What does an “antichrist” do? (see v.22 & 2 John 7)

**READ TOGETHER: I John 2:23-27**

What promise do we have if God's Word abides in us?  
When others try to deceive us, what should we do?

**READ TOGETHER: I John 2:28-29**

How can we be confident when Jesus returns?  
How can we know who has been born of God?

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**I JOHN CHAPTER THREE**

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**READ TOGETHER: I John 3:1-3**

**Why does the world not know us?  
When Jesus appears again, how will we be changed?**

**READ TOGETHER: I John 3:4-6**

**Why did Jesus appear? ...How did he take away sin?  
What proves whether we have seen or known him?**

**READ TOGETHER: I John 3:7-8**

**Who has been sinning since the beginning?  
What did Jesus come to destroy?**

**READ TOGETHER: I John 3:9-10**

**What does it mean to make a “practice” of sinning?  
How do we demonstrate that we are God’s children?**

**READ TOGETHER: I John 3:11-15**

**What is shown about us if he love our brother?  
What is shown about us if we hate our brother?**

**READ TOGETHER: I John 3:16-18**

**How did Jesus show his love for us?  
How are we to show our love for our brothers?**

**READ TOGETHER: I John 3:19-22**

**What does God know about us and our hearts?  
If we obey God, what will happen?**

**READ TOGETHER: I John 3:23-24**

**What are the two commandments John mentions?  
How do we know that God abides in us?**

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# I JOHN CHAPTER FOUR

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**READ TOGETHER: I John 4:1-3**

**Why are some religious teachers not trustworthy?  
When we hear something taught, how do we test it?**

**READ TOGETHER: I John 4:4-6**

**Who is in the world? ...Who is in us? ...Who is greater?  
Who does the world listen to? ...Why?**

**READ TOGETHER: I John 4:7-8**

**Do we have to love others to be born of God? ...Why?  
Why can we not know God unless we love others?**

**READ TOGETHER: I John 4:9-10**

**How did God show us his love?  
Why did God send his Son into the world?**

**READ TOGETHER: I John 4:11-12**

**We cannot see God, but what are some ways that we  
have been able to see the love of God in each other?**

**READ TOGETHER: I John 4:13-16**

**What has God given us so that he may abide in us?  
What has convinced you of God's love for you?**

**READ TOGETHER: I John 4:17-18**

**How can we be confident in our eternal destination?  
Which of our fears must perfect love cast out?**

**READ TOGETHER: I John 4:19-21**

**Why do we love God? ...Who was first to show love  
Why can we not love God if we do not love others?**

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**I JOHN CHAPTER FIVE**

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**READ TOGETHER: I John 5:1-3**

How do show that we love the children of God?  
Why are God’s commandments not burdensome?

**READ TOGETHER: I John 5:4-5**

How can we be victorious and overcome the world?  
What makes this difficult at times?

**READ TOGETHER: I John 5:6-9**

In what way do the spirit, water, and blood agree?  
Why is God’s testimony greater than man’s?

**READ TOGETHER: I John 5:10-12**

If we do not believe God, what are we calling God?  
How do we know whether we have true life?

**READ TOGETHER: I John 5:13-15**

Why did John write this letter?  
How do we find confidence in prayer?

**READ TOGETHER: I John 5:16-18**

If someone is unwilling to repent, will God forgive?  
Why does forgiveness require one to first admit sin?

**READ TOGETHER: I John 5:19-20**

Who has power over the whole world (for now)?  
Who belongs to the world? ...Who belongs to God?

**READ TOGETHER: I John 5:21**

Why does John end his letter with this command?  
How do we keep ourselves from idols?

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