

# 1 JOHN

## Our Advocate

### Memory Verse:

*1 Peter 5:10 And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.*

## 1) CATCH UP ON LIFE

*This is when we update each other on the day in and day out happenings of our lives. Because God is our Father we are family. As church family, we care about each other's lives: what we're celebrating, what we're mourning, what decisions we are praying through, and everything in between. (1 Thessalonians 2:8, Romans 12:10 and 15)*

Celebrate the wins - where have you seen Jesus working in the last week (shaping you to be more like Himself or working in the lives of those that He's put around you)?

What (if any) big life updates do you need to catch us up on (positive or negative)? Are there any practical needs you have right now?

Pray: Take every opportunity to pray and thank God for the good He's doing in our lives, and ask for help and healing anywhere there is pain.

## 2) REVIEW THE MISSION

*Through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit we have been sent as missionaries in everyday life to display God's glory and lead others to repentance and faith through belief in the gospel. (John 20:21 and 2 Corinthians 5:18-20)*

### People:

- Reactive - Who in your life (family, coworkers, etc.) can we join you in praying for? Who has God put around you that is showing spiritual interest? Who is hurting and could use some love from our group?

- Proactive - Who are the people we are intentionally living on mission with? What are our upcoming plans to love, serve, and build relationships with this group?

**Plan:** Who can you make an invitation to in order to further your connection with them? What kind of invitation would they accept?

**Pray:** Prayer is the fuel of God's mission. Let's pray for our people by name; pray for their needs, and opportunities to have spiritual conversations that help them take next steps toward Jesus. Take some time this week to walk and pray for the salvation of those around you (at work, neighborhood, etc.).

## 3) CARE NIGHT

*We are called to bear one another's burdens and to walk in the light together, and that is what we are going to focus on this evening. Break up into gender-based groups and use these questions to guide you. Make sure your group members go back and listen to the sermon if they have not by group meeting time. Remember also to encourage one another to give good news before good advice.*

### Read 1 John 2:1-2

Last week we studied what it means to walk in the light through confessional fellowship with one another. This week, we get to practice it with the reminder that Jesus bore the wrath that we deserve for our sins.

What sin, temptations, and/or struggles need to be brought into the light?

How does Jesus as our advocate with the Father give us hope in this midst of sin and brokenness?