



1st John

Part 1 - Real Life

Sermon Recap

Conversation Starters:

- Share your beliefs about any reality you believe exists beyond the world we live in. (Why do you believe what you believe?)
- When you think about all creation in the heavens; do you believe there is a reality other than what we're experiencing here on earth? (What life? Why or why not?)
- What constitutes a healthy relationship between you and God? (What should a good relationship look like?)

Ask your group members to share their favorite points from the sermon, what stood out to them, a phrase or moment from the sermon they related to the most, or questions they have. If your members have a hard time remembering, share your notes and favorite points.

Reflect:

1.) Read [1st John 5:13](#) and [1st John 2:19](#) NIV: Pastor Jason shared the “**Big Idea:**” What does true, saving faith look like?

How is being fully persuaded relevant to our salvation and relationship with God in Christ?

When we are saved by Christ through faith, is it our job to surrender ourselves to God as He molds us in faith, or is it God's job to mold Himself to us?

Which do you think the typical person lives out and why?

2.) Read [1st John 1:1-4](#) NLT: Pastor Jason shared two themes: God is **Light**: The test of true Fellowship. God is **Love**: The test of true Sonship.

How does each theme speak to you?

Why do think so many people have a tendency to drift away from God?

3.) Pastor Jason shared three truths that can be seen in the life of Jesus: His life is **Revealed**, **Experienced**, and **Shared**. [1st John 1:1-2](#) NKJV and [1st John 4:2-3](#) NIV. “Christ is to us what our words are to others” Words communicate what we think and how we feel. Christ reveals to us what God thinks and what's in His heart. To know Jesus is to know God.

What is your view of Jesus and how do you relate to him? (Is he a **Lunatic**, a **Liar**, is he **Legend**, or **Lord**? [1st John 2:22](#) NIV) (The truth of your answer should agree with the evidence of your life.)

In what way did the Apostles connect with God to receive an impartation from the Holy Spirit? (Spiritually or physically? Was Jesus with them at Pentecost?)





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Are you connecting to Christ intellectually, physically, or spiritually? Read [John 6:63](#) NIV

Pastor Jason Shared the [Nicene Creed](#). (If you're wrong about Jesus, then you're wrong about God.) Share your thoughts about the creed after reading it.

What does this creed mean and reveal to you?

4.) Pastor Jason shared five reasons why John wrote 1st John for the church and the people who were shifting away from God, life, Jesus, and Holiness: That you may have **Fellowship** - [1st John 1:3](#) NIV. So you may have **Joy** - [1st John 1:4](#) NLT. So you may not **Sin** - [1st John 2:1](#) NIV. So we may not be **Deceived** - [1st John 2:26](#) ESV and [1st John 1:8](#) NIV. So that we would know **We Are Saved**. [1st John 5:13](#) MSG.

Read [John 15:7,11](#) NIV: **What are the byproducts in our lives when we're in a real relationship with God?**

Apply It:

Read [2nd Peter 1:3-4](#) ESV: Jesus took on the nature of man so that man by faith could take on the nature of God. God is not a religion, imagination, or a feeling. When we live the way God intended, our relationship with Him is not fantasy it's REAL. Spend time in relationship with God, not time in a religion. When we reduce God to a religion we're missing it. Life with God is real. It's healing. It's transforming. Life is AMAZING because God is AMAZING!! We know we belong to God when we live in obedience, love, and truth. "A spirit filled mind knows and understands truth. A spirit controlled heart feels and expresses love. A spirit controlled will inclines itself toward obedience." Spend the time with God just as you would spend time with your dearest love. Grow in passionate love with Him and KNOW you are His.

Prayer Requests and Closing Prayer:

Ask your group members if they have a prayer request. Write them down and continue to pray for them during the week:

Father, You have given us everything we need to live for and in You. You have given us a savior, an intercessor, Your Spirit, and Your Word. Your heart is to have fellowship with us. Christ bridges the divide. Help us never forget who Jesus is in our lives. Help us know him intimately so we can come to love You passionately. Give us exciting and renewed desire to spend every remaining day we have with You – for in You is when we are at our best. We're at our best because we're with You, in Christ we pray, amen.