

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

ABUNDANT LIFE

John 10:1-18

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Jesus came to give life and to give it abundantly (John 10:10). Because Satan is a thief who wants to “kill, steal, and destroy,” many Christians live under his deception about their life and live in defeat and discouragement.

Pastor Mickey said that just like the special forces, we must know:

1. Our position
2. Where the enemy is
3. Where our “buddy” is

In this week’s study, we’ll look at our position in Christ, and where our enemy is trying to attack us.

MEMORY VERSE

And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. 1 John 5:11-12

DISCUSSION STARTERS

Finish this statement: *“When I think about how God feels about me, I think that he*

_____ *me.”*

Does that statement agree with what the Bible says is true about how God feels about you?

- Yes No Unsure

STUDY QUESTIONS

→ Read 1 John 5:18-21

- V18, 19 & 20 all begin with “we know” – what is their significance as introductory phrases?



- Unpack verse 18:
 - What does this verse say is true of someone who is born of God? (note: the 1st “born of God” refers to the Christian & the 2nd “born of God” refers to Jesus)
 - What is the relationship between the influence of the evil one and someone continuing in sin?
 - What does this say that Jesus does for you?
 - What does this say that Satan cannot do?
 - Does your experience line up with the promises of this verse?

- Unpack verse 19:
 - What contrast is presented in this verse?
 - Where do you see the world under the “power of the evil one”?
 - Whose power are you under?

- Unpack verse 20:
 - Understanding leads to intimate relationship with Jesus – where do you need greater understanding in order to walk in intimacy with Jesus?
 - What is the implication of the truth that you are “in Jesus?”

- One of the ways that Satan defeats and discourages us is to lie to us about how God thinks about us & how he works in us. No matter what our thoughts our feelings are, we *must* choose to believe what God says is true about us and live in light of those truths!



