

NEW TESTAMENT WRITERS

JOHN

Pray: ask God to open your mind, soul and spirit to His teaching through His Word

Think: the questions are designed to expand your knowledge of God and His Word

Begin: using only your Bible, answer the questions* without other outside sources

**questions are based on New International Version (NIV)*

Lesson 26 • 2 John and Overview

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1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of **1 John 5** has been helpful to you?
2. How does John identify himself in this letter? Why?
3. To whom is this letter addressed?
 - There are different interpretations to what “chosen lady” refers. Who do you think John is describing, and what is precious to you about this figure of speech?
4. What do you think “the truth” (mentioned 5x) means in **V1-4**?
 - What different aspects of truth are described in these verses? (hint: look for verbs)
5. How have you experienced “grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and from Jesus Christ” since our study started in September? Be specific.

6. What is the command John gives in **V5-6**?
 - Where have you heard this command before in John's letters? List verses.

 - Why does John repeat this?

7. What helps you to "walk in obedience to His commands"?

8. About whom are the readers warned in **V7**, and how do they identify these people?
 - What do you think the false teachers or false teachings look like today that would deny "Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh"?

9. What may happen to those who are deceived according **V8**, and what could John mean by that?

10. What is the "teaching of Christ," and what does this have to do with the Father and the Son in **V9**?
 - What does John mean by 'running ahead' of the teaching of Christ, and what does 'running ahead' indicate?

11. What do **V10-11** say about the responsibility you have in allowing or welcoming untruth into your home?

12. Prayerfully consider what steps you will take to safeguard your home and church body as you balance that with commands written in **V5-6**.

13. What do you learn about the value John puts on face-to-face interactions in **V12**?

- In which relationships might God be calling you to make time for meeting or talking in person (versus email/voicemail/texting etc.)?

14. What do you think the true Author of Scripture thinks about face-to-face interactions with you?

15. From 2 John begin to formulate a prayer request to share with your group this week.