

**Home Group Notes**  
**Week of April 16, 2023**  
**Introduction to 1 John**



In a few weeks, Diane and I are hoping to visit Yellowstone and a few other National Parks. We are looking at maps, reading blogs, and watching YouTube videos (especially “Through My Lens.”) Our hope is to gain an overview of the scope of the parks. Eventually, we want to learn about the trails, the animal life, the flora, and the beauty of each park.

As we prepare to journey through this rich passage, let’s begin by doing a fly over. Here are a few suggestions to help gain an overview of this letter. (By the way, you can access Pastor Doug Baker’s introduction to 1 John on our website at [trinityonline.org](http://trinityonline.org).)

**FIRST READ**

Read through the letter of 1 John out loud together. (This letter can be read in about 20 -25 minutes.) As you read, look for the following first observations:

- Which words and themes stand out to you?
- What is the tone or feel of this letter?
- Did you notice a particular promise or command?

**LOOKING BACK**

The author, the Apostle John, wrote a summary statement in chapter one, verse three:

“We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.” (1:3)

What do you see in this statement?

What does this tell us about the author?

What might this imply about God?

**PRAYER NEEDS**

Last weekend was Good Friday which included worship, baptisms and a wonderful message of what Jesus did for us on the cross. Then Sunday was a grand celebration of the resurrection of Jesus and what this means for us. Perhaps, start your time of prayer with thanksgiving to our grace-giving God. (Both services are available on our website.)

- Pray for our Young Adults as they go away on a retreat called “Simply Jesus”
- Pray for our Search Team as they pray and walk through key aspects of preparation
- Pray for the men in Men’s Ministries as they grow deeper in Jesus