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LIFEgroup Discussion Questions

December 31, 2017

The Father Heart of God:

Text: 1 John 5.13-21

1. How has the message of 1 John and this study influenced you? Have you been encouraged to make any changes in how you love God and others?
2. Seven times John uses the word “know” in these remaining nine verses. What is the significance of this and what is the significance of this “knowing” according to John?
3. In your prayer life, do you have confidence in God similar to what John expresses (5.14-15)? Why or why not? What do you learn from John about gaining confidence in your prayer life? How can you grow in your prayers in the area of “asking according to his will” in the New Year?
4. How do we know that we can’t ask for and get just anything from God? In other words, what is the qualification John gives for the “anything”? What does it mean to pray according to God’s will? Does this change the way you pray? (See John 16:23–26 and 1 John 3:21–22.)
5. What is usually your initial response when you observe a brother or sister in Christ sinning (5.16)? How does John encourage us to respond in such situations? What does John suggest we should not pray for? What does this mean for the local church? (See Galatians 6:1.)
6. Do you ever struggle with the thought that Satan or sin will lead you permanently away from God (5.18-20)? What do we learn about persevering through evil from 1 John 5:18? Who has given us understanding? And why has he given it to us?
7. How does the last verse summarize this entire letter (5.21)? What do you take away from this summary?

PRAY:

1. Pray for the group to experience a greater level of confidence in God.
2. Pray that the group would be an expression of mercy and grace to others.
3. Pray that God the Holy Spirit would continue to enlighten the group of the truth of the gospel, so they may discern error and flee from idols.

Do: Plan a time this week to celebrate the fact that your group traveled together with the church through 1 John. During your time of fellowship, spend some purposeful time reflecting on this letter and what God has done in the lives of the group members—both individually and together—through it.