

Sermon Discussion Questions
Fearless Love and Flawless Truth

2 John 1-5

November 5, 2017

1. What do you see in the world that would indicate that it needs, more than ever today, is love—sweet love?
2. At the end of 2 John 2, it states that this kind of truth “will be with us forever.” What have been some things in world history that at one point were considered the “truth,” and today are no longer the “truth” (they haven’t withstood the test of time)?
 - How has the truth that is found in the church been criticized, fought against, tried to be destroyed over the centuries, and yet it has withstood assault after assault and remains to this day (so many centuries later)?
 - How have we as a church been used by God, over the 50+ years we have been in existence, to promote God’s truth? How can we get better at it?
 - Remember the fight Jeremy got in in eighth grade; how the guy who fought him lost not only the fight, but the voice to see things differently? How can we create a positive environment where we don’t fight, while at the same time promoting that it is okay to disagree, doubt, and challenge each other in our pursuit of fearless love and flawless truth?
3. In 2 John 3 notice that John includes himself when he exhorts that God’s grace, mercy, and peace be with *them* in truth and love. How have we known God’s goodness in this way (and connect that to truth and love)?
 - What are some “best practices” to have truth and love define who we are?
4. In 2 John 4 John sounds so positive. Remember Jeremy’s story about how his dad did not motivate in positive ways—more out of instilling fear (“you’re gonna get a crack”)? What environment were you raised in?
 - Are you more of a “glass-half-empty” kind of a person, or a “glass-half-full”? How can we help one another keep a positive attitude, like the Apostle John had, when we do the hard thing of making disciples?
5. 2 John 5 is a beckoning call for all of us. It is harder to do than to talk about—“that we love one another.” What gets in the way? And, how do we remove those barriers—or do we even want to?