

Discussion Guide: June 14th, 2026

Message Series: *NO DOUBT*

Message: *How do I know that I know Him?*

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Focus Passages:

1 John 2:3-11 ³ And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments. ⁴ If someone claims, "I know God," but doesn't obey God's commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. ⁵ But those who obey God's word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. ⁶ Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did. ⁷ Dear friends, I am not writing a new commandment for you; rather it is an old one you have had from the very beginning. This old commandment- to love one another- is the same message you heard before. ⁸ Yet it is also new. Jesus lived the truth of this commandment, and you also are living it. For the darkness is disappearing, and the true light is already shining. ⁹ If anyone claims, "I am living in the light," but hates a fellow believer, that person is still living in darkness. ¹⁰ Anyone who loves a fellow believer is living in the light and does not cause others to stumble. ¹¹ But anyone who hates a fellow believer is still living and walking in darkness. Such a person does not know the way to go, having been blinded by the darkness.

John 14:15, 21 ¹⁵ "If you love me, obey my commandments. ²¹ Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me. And because they love me, my Father will love them. And I will love them and reveal myself to each of them."

John 13:34-35 ³⁴ So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. ³⁵ Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

Matthew 5:43-47 ⁴³ "You have heard the law that says, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy. ⁴⁴ But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! ⁴⁵ In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven. For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust alike. ⁴⁶ If you love only those who love you, what reward is there for that? Even corrupt tax collectors do that much. ⁴⁷ If you are kind only to your friends, how are you different from anyone else? Even pagans do that."

Message Highlights:

How Can We Know That We Know Him?

Obey His commands

Walk like Jesus walked

Love like Jesus loved

Discussions Questions:

1. ObeY His commands. **Read 1 John 2:3-4 & John 14:15 & 21** This passage is a wake up call to believers, so they can test to see if they know Jesus and are walking in the light. Those who obey His' commands are walking in the light. Those who don't obey are not walking in the truth. What are the areas of your life where you settle for partial obedience? Where do you justify blatant disobedience? How is that decision impacting your walk with Jesus? Is there anything you need to stop doing or start doing today?
2. Walk as Jesus walked. **Read 1 John 2:5-6** Whoever claims to live in Him must live as Jesus lived. We know we're in Christ, if we walk as Jesus walked. How can you walk like Jesus this week? Be honest, what areas in your life are you not living like Jesus? Are you walking like Jesus and accurately reflecting Him in your marriage, your family, at work, at school? Are you moving forward or are you standing still in your walk? What next steps do you need to take to walk like Jesus?
3. Love like Jesus loved. **Read 1 John 2:7-11 & John 13:34-35** John gives us a third way to test and see if we know Jesus and are walking in the light. We are called to love others like Jesus does. If we choose to love others, we are walking in the light. If we choose to hold onto our hatred of our brothers in Christ, we are walking in darkness. Do you have anyone right now that you are not loving like Jesus? Do you have a brother or sister in Christ you judge, criticize or even hate?

4. **Read Matthew 5:43-47** Jesus calls us to a higher standard when He tells us to love one another, and His life is an example for us to follow. We're called to love others with the supernatural, sacrificial love of Jesus. Is there anyone you need to forgive today? Have you allowed bitterness to harden your heart and affect your relationship with God? Are you holding grudges or speaking poorly about someone? What are you going to do about it: Keep walking in darkness, or let the light of Jesus shine in you and through you?

Time Of Prayer

Dear Jesus, Help each of us test and see if we truly know You, and are walking in Your light. We pray that You convict us of ways we are not obeying you or walking as You walked. Help us unconditionally love other people like You do. Help each of us to rely on Your Spirit to empower us to walk in the light daily, obey Your commands and deeply love one another like You do. Thank you for the assurance and confidence we find in You. Amen