

1 John 1:1-4 Message Follow-Up Questions

- (1) Have you ever been impacted by a scam of some kind? Why do you think you got caught in it? Please read 1 John 2:26. Why would one person deceive another?

- (2) Are certainty or confidence necessary or important in life? Why or why not? How would you develop certainty about something?

- (3) Please read John 1:1-5. What do we learn about the word in these verses? How does that compare or contrast with what is said about the word of life in 1 John 1:1? Why would John want us to be clear about the word that is Jesus? Is it possible for there to be Christianity without the person of Jesus? What is it that John and the other disciples proclaimed – a message or a person or both combined (1 John 1:2-3)?

- (4) Please read Matthew 28:16-20, focusing attention on Jesus' final words. Do those words offer any measure of confidence for you? Is that measure increased or decreased by what John says about Jesus in John 1:1-5 and 1 John 1:1-2?

- (5) How would you define fellowship? Do you consider fellowship as important to your personal, spiritual well-being? Why or why not? How do you think John would answer that question based on 1 John 1:3 or Luke from Acts 2:42? In practical ways, how can we be people of fellowship? What kinds of things do we need to address in our personal lives so we desire healthy fellowship?

- (6) Please read Nehemiah 8:1-2. Why do you think people were so attentive to Ezra? Why were the people mourning and weeping? What was suggested to counteract the mourning? How can the joy of the Lord give strength? How can we tap into that joy so we receive that strength?