



# November 12 – 18

Truth and Deception | Overcoming the World

**Icebreaker:** Talk about an odd belief that someone has shared with you. When you hear something that you doubt, what does it take for you to believe it's actually true?

## Read 1 John 5:1-5

- What does it mean to be “born of God” in v1? What causes this birth?
- If you love the Father, who else are we to love? (v1) Why?
- Are there believers in Jesus with whom you disagree? How have you shown love to them? How have you failed to show them love? Do you need to seek reconciliation with anyone?
- John repeatedly points to obedience to God as evidence that we love God. Why does obedience prove that love is sincere? What if we choose disobedience?
- Why are God’s commands not burdensome? What makes a command a burden or not?
- What does it mean to overcome the world? What are some practical examples of that?
- Are there areas of your life where it seems like the world is winning? Can you share about those struggles with a trusted friend and pray together?
- Why is belief in Jesus the means to overcome the world?

## Read 1 John 5:6-12

- John writes about the water and the blood—what are these referring to? Why are both of these important?
- Why is it important to understand that Jesus came in the flesh? How does this truth affect everything else?
- How do the three that testify, the Spirit, water, and the blood provide important proof of the person of Jesus?
- Why is it important for our belief to be grounded in a real, historical Jesus when talking to others about God or faith? What is lost if our faith is only a philosophy?
- Why is it important to believe God’s testimony?
- What is the significance of believers possessing this testimony of Christ? How does it relate to salvation?
- In v 11 & 12 – how do we receive eternal life? What is the distinction between someone who does have eternal life, and someone who does not?

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