

## September 17-23

## Truth and Deception | Joy in Testimony

**Icebreaker:** Why is testimony and important aspect of law enforcement? What makes a good testimony in a criminal case?

## Introduction to 1 John

Have your group members look at any included introduction to the book of 1 John in their Bibles.

• What can your group learn about the message of the book, the audience, the author?

## Read 1 John 1:1-4

- Who is John referring to in verses 1–2? How does John describe this person? Why do you think John describe him in this way?
- See also the Gospel of John 1:1-5, 9-14. What are the similarities between John's introduction in his gospel and in this epistle?
- What are the sensory word John uses to describe what he has witnessed? What are some
  of the numerous experiences John had with Jesus.
- What does he says is his goal for the people to whom he is writing?
- Why is John's testimony important when you consider the overall purpose of the book?
- What is fellowship with God critical? Why is fellowship between believers important?
- Why is John's testimony a good testimony? How does John's testimony relate to our own testimony?
- Why does John's writing about his experiences complete his joy? Does sharing your own testimony bring you joy? Why or why not?
- Why is your testimony about Jesus powerful? How is your testimony about Jesus limited?
- What would you share with someone as a testimony of Jesus in your life? How has he changed you or given you life?
- Why do people reject our testimony about Jesus? What should be our response when they reject our testimony?





