

Small Group Bible Study / Discussion 11-23-08

Sermon Series: 1 John - *Experience Real Life*

Sermon Title: Got Life?

Passage: 1 John 5:1-13

(You can listen to the sermon at www.faithchurchaustin.org)

Think about it

- Have you ever wondered if someone was really a Christian? What made you wonder that?
- Have you ever wondered if you were really a Christian? Why? Or Why not?

Examine it

- What is true of those who believe that Jesus is the Christ? (1)
- What is true of everyone who loves the Father? (1)
- How do you know if you love the children of God? (2)
- What does love for God look like? (3)
- What does John say about overcoming the world? (4-5)
- What three things testify about Jesus Christ? (6-8)
- What does John say about God's testimony? (9-11)
- What is the relationship between the Son of God and eternal life? (11-13)

Discuss it

- What does it mean to be born of God?
- How can we know if we are born of God?
- What does John mean by "the testimony of the Spirit, water, and blood"?
- What testimony has God given about His Son?
- What do the Son, eternal life, and faith have to do with each other?

Live it out

- What counsel would you give to someone who was wondering about whether or not they are truly a Christian?
- Do you know where you stand with God? If so, how do you know? If not, what do you need to do in order to find out?

Pray about it

What does this study prompt you to pray about?

...something to praise God for? ...thank God for? ...confess? ...ask for?

Additional passage for meditation or memory: John 11:25-26; Romans 6:23; 8:5-11

Next week's passage: 1 John 5:14-21