

1 John 5:6-12

6 This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. 7 For there are three that testify: 8 the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. 9 If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. 10 Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. 11 And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Opening questions:

1. Have you been a witness to a crime or accident? What happened? Were you called to testify?

2. What did you learn -- or what challenged you -- from this week's message?

3. What did you apply from last week's study?

4. What is something you passionately believe in? (sports, a cause, a pursuit, etc.) How would your close friends describe your passion?

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5. Underline everytime the words testify/testifies/testimony appear. Circle everytime believe/believed appears.

6. How would you define these two words:
 - a. Testimony

 - b. Believe

7. John states there are 3 witnesses to the fact Jesus is both God and man. According to verse 8 what are they?

8. In verses 10-12, what words does John use to contrast the person who believes vs. the one who does not?
9. During the study of 1 John, there are several characteristics of God's Children. What are the characteristics in the following verses?
- 2:29
 - 3:9
 - 3:14
 - 4:7
 - 5:4
10. According to verse 9, why is God's testimony greater?
11. Verse 10 states, "Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself". What does that mean and how does that affect how you live this next week?
12. How would you summarize verses 11 & 12 in a brief paraphrase?
13. What was the compelling evidence for you when you walked over the line of faith? Today, what evidence convinces you that Jesus is the source of eternal life? Why?
14. Verse 12 gives a clear, black and white clarification of the uniqueness of Jesus as the only way to eternal life. Who is the 1 person (or circle of 3) you are intentional to share the gospel message with? What is your next action step with this person (s)?

15. Review question 7. What characteristics are most evident in your life? What characteristics are less evident in your life? What are practical steps you can take to look more and more like a Child of God? How can your small group help you with this?

As you close in prayer, pray specifically for the next steps to share the Gospel with the 1 person (or circle of 3) that you have identified. Also, pray for your action steps to be a "living testimony" as a Child of God.