

## 1 John 5:18-21

18We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him.

19We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

20And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. 21Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

1. What are some of your favorite summertime activities?
2. Reviewing the book of 1 John, what are some of the themes covered in this book?
3. Reviewing the entire book and study of 1 John, what have you applied in your life? How has the gospel caused you to change?
4. What impacted or challenged you from the message this week?

## Read 1 John 5. Pay special attention to verses 18 – 21.

5. As you read chapter 5, underline every time believes/belief appears. Write down those verse references:
6. Read verses 18 – 21 and write down the things John describe that “we know”.
7. Verse 20 describes God as “true”. Review 1 John and write the reference and description of attributes that are true of God?

8. 1 John 5:3 says “For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments”. What are the commandments that are we find difficult to keep? Why?
9. Read verse 18 aloud. Can a true follower of Christ continue habitually sinning?
10. From verse 18, practically speaking, how does God protect us and keep the evil one from touching us?
11. What is our responsibility for a person in our community who calls themselves a follower of Christ yet is continues habitually sinning?
12. Like most New Testament letters, the final verse brings a warning and challenge. Why do you think John referred to them as ‘little children’?
13. Verse 21 gives a strong warning to keep from idols. What are idols in your life? What do you need to keep in place, or put in place, to “keep yourself from idols”?
14. What are 3 challenges from the study of 1 John that you want to prayerfully make part of your life? How can your small group hold you accountable?