

Text: 2 John

Topics: False Teachers, Hospitality, Love, Obedience

Series: Little Letters, Big Messages

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Christian Basics

I. The Walk (1-6)

Living according to God's Word and loving one another are inseparable to the character of a Christian life.

II. The Warning (7-13)

The cost can be enormous for aligning with those who spread false teachings.

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.*

1. Read 2 John 1:1-3. What stands out? How would you take John's opening words if you were an original recipient of the letter, and why?

2. In 2 John 1:4 John wrote that he was "glad to find some of your children walking in truth." Give some specific examples of what that might look like.

3. Read 2 John 1:5-6. John asks them to adhere to the commandment they "had from the beginning," which is? (v. 5)

John defines this as what kind of walk? (v. 6)

What makes doing each of these hard at times?

Why would it be important to put these two instructions together?

4. What danger does John warn his readers about in verses 7-9? How were they to be able to spot that danger?

What did they stand to lose?

5. What did John warn them about in verses 10-11? Why might the people of the church not have recognized that they shouldn't do this?

If this is teaching us not to associate with those who hold beliefs contradictory to the Christian faith, how do we love our enemies, and how do we reach the lost?