

- 1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study.
- 2) Read 1 John 5:13-21 together.
- 3) What stuck out to you as you read? Is there anything you don't understand? Is there anything you'd like to discuss?
- 4) Why would God want us to know certain truths as we live the Christian life? How do these truths comfort us?
- 5) How do you feel about Christians having doubts? How should we respond when doubts arise in our hearts?
- 6) What role does prayer play in assurance? Should we pray even when we are struggling with doubt?
- 7) Why can John say that we have everything we ask for? How can this verse be abused?
- 8) How do you respond when you see a brother or sister living in sin?
- 9) How can believers have victory over sin if they still commit sin?
- 10) What might be the effect of realizing that the whole world is under the sway of the evil one? How does that change the way you view others?
- 11) In what way is 1 John 5:21 a summary of the entire book? Why is idolatry an issue still today, even in secular cultures?
- 12) End your time in prayer. Ask God to help you apply the things you've discussed and learned during this time of study.

* Some of these questions taken from, Daniel L. Akin, *Exalting Jesus in 1,2,3 John* (Nashville, TN: Holman Reference, 2014).