

## Fusion Q's – 1 John: Light Over Darkness That You May Know

### Discussion Questions

Q1. John leaves very little room to doubt that Jesus was God. How do you think he was so confident about this? How can he be so sure about these claims when so many of us doubt them?

Q2. Is it possible today to know for sure that the claims of Christianity are true? Explain.

Q3. At the end of John's letter he says that we should keep away from anything that might take God's place in our hearts. What does he mean by that? What types of things (or people) could take God's place in your heart?

Q4. Do you think a lot of our doubt may be the result of placing things in our hearts where God should be? Explain.

Q5. Jesus gives us the secret to life in our Matthew passage in just one sentence. What do you think it means to seek first the kingdom of God? What is the kingdom and how do you seek it?

Q6. What do you think would happen to the certainty of your faith if you took Jesus' command to seek him and right living (righteousness) first and relied on him to provide what he desires for you?

Q7. What has been your greatest take away from the series in 1 John?

### BIBLE TEXTS

#### Matthew 6:33 (ESV)

<sup>33</sup>But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

#### 1 John 5:13-21 (NLT)

<sup>13</sup>I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life.<sup>14</sup> And we are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him. <sup>15</sup>And since we know he hears us when we make our requests, we also know that he will give us what we ask for.

<sup>16</sup>If you see a Christian brother or sister<sup>[d]</sup> sinning in a way that does not lead to death, you should pray, and God will give that person life. But there is a sin that leads to death, and I am not saying you should pray for those who commit it. <sup>17</sup>All wicked actions are sin, but not every sin leads to death.

<sup>18</sup>We know that God's children do not make a practice of sinning, for God's Son holds them securely, and the evil one cannot touch them. <sup>19</sup>We know that we are children of God and that the world around us is under the control of the evil one.

<sup>20</sup>And we know that the Son of God has come, and he has given us understanding so that we can know the true God.<sup>[e]</sup> And now we live in fellowship with the true God because we live in fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ. He is the only true God, and he is eternal life.

<sup>21</sup>Dear children, keep away from anything that might take God's place in your hearts.