

“Focus”

1 John 1:1-4

Who is John? Who WAS John?

John 13:23; 19:26; 20:2; 21:7, 20;
Luke 9:54; Mark 3:17

Are you the same person you were when you first met Jesus?

3 Issues on which to focus...

1. _____

→ John 11:25; John 3:16; John 14:1ff.

2. Relationships with _____

→ John 13:34-35

3. Relationship with _____

→ 1 John 4:20; Matthew 5:23-24

SO WHAT?

**If you want to be closer to God,
you need to get closer to _____**

Taking it home for community...

1. Read Luke 9:51-55. Compare Mark 3:17. How did John go from “son of thunder” to “the disciple whom Jesus loved” How long did it take? How did it happen?
2. Are you the same person you were when you met Jesus? Other than sinful habits, what has changed? How did this happen? Is it still happening? In what ways?
3. Read 1 John 1:1-4. What is “joy” and how is it accomplished?
4. How does an eternal perspective affect us? See John 11:25. What does Jesus mean when he says, “whoever lives and believes in me will never die?” Do you find this statement comforting? Confusing? Explain and discuss.
5. See John 13:34-35 and Matthew 5:23-24. How do our damaged relationships with people impact our relationship with God? What does it mean to “be reconciled?” What does it NOT mean? (that is, what are some inadequate substitutes we try to use?)
6. SO WHAT? Read 1 John 4:20. A relationship with God seems easy; relationships with people are more difficult. What are some specific things you can do this week to improve your relationships with people (especially those mentioned by Jesus in Matthew 5:23-24)?

Love one another