



## 1 John Week #1 Notes

### 1 John 1:1-4 New International Version (NIV)

**1** That which was from the beginning, which **we have heard, which we have seen** with our eyes, which we have looked at and **our hands have touched**—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. **2** The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. **3** We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. **4 We write this to make our[a] joy complete.**

### **COMPLETE JOY COMES FROM COMPLETE FAITH IN JESUS...**

### 1 John 1:4-7 New International Version (NIV)

**4** We write this to make our joy complete.

**5** This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. **6** If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. **7** *But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all[b] sin.*

### **MAIN IDEA: Walk in-COMPLETE JOY.**

### 1 John 1: 7 New International Version (NIV)

**7** But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

### **We walk in-complete JOY when we are WALKING IN THE LIGHT.**

### Proverbs 11:3 New International Version (NIV)

**3** The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity.

### Proverbs 10:9-10 New International Version (NIV)

**9** Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out. **10** Whoever winks maliciously causes grief, and a chattering fool comes to ruin.

### 1 Peter 3:16 New International Version (NIV)

**16** keeping a clear conscience, *so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.*

### **We walk in-complete JOY when we are WALKING IN Fellowship.**



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## Acts 2:42-47 New International Version (NIV)

**42** They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and **to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.** **43** Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. **44** All the believers were together and had everything in common. **45** They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. **46** Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, **47** praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

## Hebrews 10:24-25 New International Version (NIV)

**24** And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, **25** not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, **but encouraging one another**—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

## 1 Thessalonians 5:11 New International Version (NIV)

**11** Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

## 1 Thessalonians 5:14 New International Version (NIV)

**14** And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone.

**We walk in-complete JOY when we are WALKING UNDER GRACE.**

## **Talk about it:**

**Ice Breaker-** Share a story about your favorite journey. (IE; hike, road trip, vacation, or bike ride) Where did you go? How long was it? What challenges did you overcome? What was most memorable about it?

**Read 1 John 1:1-8 and discuss what stands out to you most about what you read?** Why did they write this letter? How have you experienced joy in your life? What's significant about John's statement that he is writing about what he has "seen, heard, touched, and proclaimed"? Why is it helpful to share your own personal story of Jesus' faithfulness?

**Read 1 John 1:7 and discuss what do you observe from 1 John 1:7?** What are the three pieces of advice that John gives in verse 7? How do these 3 things allow us to experience complete joy? What would be the opposite of these things, and how do those things impact our life in Christ?

## **Other verses to read and consider this week.**

Proverbs 11:3, Proverbs 10: 9-10, 1 Peter 3:16 (walking in light); Acts 2:42-47, John 13:34, Hebrews 10:24-25 1 Thessalonians 5:11 and 14 (walking in Fellowship)