

GET IN THE GAME: WEEK 3- Strong Receiver

ICE BREAKER QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever had a hobby that turned into a lifelong passion or career? Tell us about it!
2. Describe yourself in three words.

WORD

1 John 2: 1-6 (NIV)

1 My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. 2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. 3 We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. 4 Whoever says, “I know him,” but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. 5 But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: 6 Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

This letter was sent to a group of believers who were in the midst of an unsettling situation. They are not just experiencing persecution and oppression but also false teachings and heresy added up to their faith.

So, because of that, some of them had abandoned their faith in Jesus the Messiah as it had first been taught to them. They found the proclamation that God had come in a human body impossible to reconcile with the common Greek idea that the flesh is evil and only spirit is good.

But despite their denial of the Messiah, their immoral lives and their lack of practical love, they still claimed to know God and belong to God. They asserted, or declare positively or aggressively and often forcefully that their spiritual insight put them above the rest of the group, which they demonstrated by deserting the fellowship. Those left behind were deeply shaken, uncertain about everything they had been taught. The letter

emphasizes godly living and practical caring and serving as the signs of those who genuinely know God.

Three things about godly living, genuinely knowing and growing in God, and as a result we care and serve the community of God and even beyond.

1. Aspirations: Aspiration is a strong desire to achieve, or focusing on something higher or greater. John said;

1 John 2: 3-5 (NIV)

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DISCUSSION

What are your aspirations in life to become mature in faith? What are some practical ways to achieve this?

2. Transformations

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John begins by explaining why he is writing his letter. His goal is for our maturity and transformed life. However, John realized that believers are still capable of sin.

John shows us that our sin breaks our fellowship with God and that we all have need of someone who will stand before God and intercede for us to resolve the deadlock. He shows us that Jesus Christ is the one who intercedes before the Father as our advocate.

If Jesus forgives our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness, let our life continuously be transformed into the image of his Son Jesus Christ.

3. **Motivations:** Our motivation should always be winning the game and score a goal.

1 John 2:6 (NIV)

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DISCUSSION

What is the result of a transformed lives?

In our spiritual life, how do we win the game and score a goal

LIFE APPLICATION

Let be our aspiration, focus, priorities in life, attitude, and outlook in life aligned with the truth. We are called to live with an eternal perspective, focusing on spiritual realities. Above all, let us

- **Know him** - To know Him personally is to be in the truth. This does not mean that you must become theologian or be able to explain all of the biblical teaching about Christ and salvation in order to get saved. To be saved, you simply must recognize that you are a sinner in need of a Saviour who is Jesus.
- **Keep his command**- Jesus gave us the commandment to keep so that our lives will be align in the truth. To keep these commands requires our persistence and determination. As a result we will have godly lives.
- **Obey his words.** Obedience is better that sacrifice (*1 Samuel 15:22*)

DISCUSSION

During this month of iServe series, what area/s of the Ministry team you are inclined to serve God as part of growing in your faith.

VERSE TO MEDITATE ON

1 John 1:7, 9 (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. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

PRAYER

Share your prayer request and answered prayer. Pray for one another and throughout this week.



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