

LISTENING GUIDE

1 John 5:1-6, 11-15 – Have You Arrived?

1. Our life _____ can be _____ and _____ - _____.
2. When God commands, he commands for our _____.
3. The common human experience is that the _____ is _____ and destined to _____.
4. _____ in Jesus Christ gives us access to his _____.
5. John emphasizes that Jesus is both the _____ of God and our _____:
 1. He came by _____ at his _____.
 2. He came by _____ at his _____.
6. We could add a third pivotal event: Jesus came by _____ as he _____ from the grave.
7. This assures me that God has given me _____ _____.
8. When we live in Christ, every _____ is filled with _____.

LIFEGROUPS

DISCUSSION GUIDE

COMPLETE THESE QUESTIONS IN PREPARATION FOR YOUR LIFE GROUP.
BRING THIS SHEET AND A BIBLE WITH YOU TO YOUR LIFE GROUP.



WARM UP

What is the next big step or goal that you have for your life?

QUICK REVIEW

Is there anything you found particularly insightful, helpful, or challenging in this week's message?

INTO GOD'S WORD

The sermon message didn't specifically address 1 John 5:14-15 in which John talks about our prayers and God's answers.

How does the content of this chapter leading up to verses 14 and 15 (and the content of the sermon message) help you to understand these verses on prayer?

After John declares that Jesus' Baptism, and his death, and the Spirit of God testify that he is the Son of God and our Savior, he writes about this testimony of God. Read 1 John 5:9-10.

Why do we easily accept human testimony, but have a hard time accepting God's testimony?

**What will this mean for us as we speak to others about Jesus?
How will we approach those conversations?**

INTO MY LIFE

Earlier in this sermon series, pastor had mentioned that as John wrote his letter in the 1st Century the teachings of Gnosticism were beginning to spread. Gnosticism professed the acquisition of a higher, spiritual knowledge that elevated those who possessed it above the material and worldly. This led to the proliferation of two philosophies of life, which may indicate why John speaks of “overcoming the world” by faith in Christ.

Asceticism attempted to avoid anything and everything that was worldly or fleshly. **Libertinism** suggested that since the spiritual was above and greater than the physical and material, you could engage in any material activity, i.e. sensuality, indulgence, drunkenness, etc., because it didn't really matter.

Do people today still seem to “overcome the world” by following one of these practices? Which one still seems to have the greater hold on people and how?

How does a life of faith in Christ, and a connection to Jesus as the vine, avoid the extremes of asceticism and libertinism?

What has been of the greatest value to you and your life of faith in this sermon series on 1 John?

SHARING & PRAYER

Your prayer requests:

