

HOPE CHAPEL  
'OHANA  
GROUPS

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## 1 JOHN "WALKING IN TRUTH AND LOVE": FACILITATOR GUIDE

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**WEEK 8:** 1 JOHN 4:7-21

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**Before you meet:** Send out a reminder and encouragement to your 'Ohana Group about attending group. Encourage your 'Ohana group to attend one of the in-person services Fridays at 6:30pm, Sundays at 8:30am or Online Sunday mornings.

**Be Prepared:** Test out the video from the 'Ohana Group Webpage by playing it and making sure it is working well prior to meeting. Print out any of the resources you need for the night (discussion questions and facilitator guide). Read through the questions ahead of time. Videos and Material can be found at [hopechapelmaui.com](http://hopechapelmaui.com) click on 'Ohana Groups and Group Resources.

### **Suggested Format:**

- Welcome/Fellowship
- Pray
- Watch Video (10-20min)
- Discussion Questions (30-40min)
- Prayer Requests and Praises (10-20min)



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## 'OHANA GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

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### LEADER GUIDE

#### **1 JOHN SERIES - -**

Encourage your 'Ohana Group to read and meditate on the 1 John passage you will be going over that week before they come to group.

Encourage them to write notes, thoughts and questions they may have about the passage.

### DISCUSSION GUIDE

As you use this guide, feel free to use as many or as little question as you need to facilitate your 'Ohana Group.

#### **Small group rules to keep in mind:**

In your sharing time be as open and transparent as you comfortably feel you can. There is no need to challenge, correct, or give advice unless asked for. Be careful to not "over share". Be sensitive to give everyone an opportunity to join in. For each week, start off your discussions with the first two questions. After that, choose any of the other questions which you feel best suits your particular group.

- 1.** What from the message this weekend encouraged you, challenged you or spoke to you most and why? What applications for your life did you learn?
- 2.** From this week's Scripture, what encouraged you, challenged you or spoke to you most and why?

#### **A DEEPER LOOK**

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- 3.** Read 1 John 4:9-11. In these verses, John reminds us of God's love in action. Can you recall times in the Bible where love is demonstrated by actions. Share about how you have seen this in your own life?
- 4.** What obstacles have you encountered that make it difficult to be a conduit for God's love, rather than just a consumer?
- 5.** In Jan's message he repeated the phrase shown throughout 1 John, "If we say, but..." (read 1 John 1:6, 1 John 1:8, 1 John 2:3). What "if I say" statement do you tell yourself but don't live out? How can you grow in following your words with actions? Walking in *Truth AND Love*?
- 6.** How have you grown in your understanding of God through the love that others have shown you?

#### **TAKING IT HOME**

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- 7.** Think about one person you could love this week that you might not normally express love and kindness to. What one thing could you do to go out of your way to share God's love with them?
- 8.** Have you felt the Holy Spirit prompting your heart to serve? How will you go about these promptings?
- 9.** Take time this week to reflect on those instances where God's love was made apparent to you through other believers. Let those serve as reminders of God's love for you, but also as a reminder to build your testimony that God alone is the source of love.

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISES**

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### **series guide...**

WEEK 1: 1 John 1:1-10

WEEK 2: 1 John 2:1-14

WEEK 3: 1 John 2:15-17

WEEK 4: 1 John 2:18-29

WEEK 5: 1 John 3:1-10

WEEK 6: 1 John 3:11-24

WEEK 7: 1 John 4:1-6

WEEK 8: 1 John 4:7-21

WEEK 9: Sports Service

WEEK 10: 1 Jon 5:1-12

WEEK 11: 1 John 5:13-21