

SESSION 2: THE TIMES

WORKSHEET

DO NOT CONFORM TO THE PATTERN OF THIS WORLD, BUT BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND. THEN YOU WILL BE ABLE TO TEST AND APPROVE WHAT GOD'S WILL IS - HIS GOOD, PLEASING AND PERFECT WILL." ROMANS 12:2



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1 JOHN

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KEY SCRIPTURE

“For all that is in the world - the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and the pride of life - is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.” - 1 John 2:16-17

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It’s time to jump into 1 John. The clip will take a closer look at the background /context of 1 John: who the author is, where he lived, the times he lived in and why he wrote this letter – drawing a direct parallel with the world we live in today and the situations we are now facing.

NOTE SPACE

This is your space: as you watch the clip or during the discussion that follows afterwards you can take notes, write down questions, or record what God is saying to you.

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APPLICATION

In order to grow in understanding and bring about change in your life, we encourage you to do the following before your next session. Consider this the practical element of Fuel.

PERSONAL REFLECTION

Through this series, open your heart to what God would say to you and allow His Spirit to work in you and transform you to reach this lost and broken world. Before your next session spend some time working through the below. Remember, this is for you... there are no wrong/right answers.

- What do you see when you look at the world today?
- John wrote his letter to Christians facing pressures of various kinds from the world: What kinds of pressures are you facing at the moment, from the world?
- How are you overcoming them?
- What do you think it means not to love the world?
- How does 1 John speak into our context today?
 - * See Matthew 24:9-14 (ESV)
 - * Also 2 Timothy 3:1-5 (ESV), referred to in the clip.

“Ours is not the first generation to face opposition” - Fuel episode 2, The Times

MEDITATING ON THE WORD

Memorising the Scriptures and meditating on them day and night, is one of the ways God shapes us and makes us into the people He wants us to be.

MEMORY VERSE

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PERSONAL READING

By now you should have read 1 John through. Read **1 John** again, in one sitting, from beginning to end. Also try read the **Gospel of John** as well as **2 John & 3 John**.



FACTSHEET

BOOK | 1 JOHN



AUTHOR

John, Son of Zebedee

Disciple and Apostle

Wrote the Book of John, as well as 1, 2, 3 John and the book of Revelation

Originally a Fisherman

Nicknamed “the disciple whom Jesus loved”

Read 1 John as a group out loud

GEOGRAPHICAL INFO

WRITTEN: As an old man, in Ephesus 85-95AD.

CITY: Asia, modern day Turkey, the fourth most important city at the time. A Cosmopolitan City. Home to the Temple of Diana (a goddess worshipped at the time).

CHURCH: Well established church there. Paul had worked into Ephesus (Acts 19) with great miracles, and repentance (Acts 19:19-20).

AUDIENCE: Likely meant for Ephesus and other cities nearby.

WHY WRITTEN: To combat false teachings and expose false teachers. To combat false doctrines, i.e. Gnosticism and heresy. To provide assurance of salvation.

RELEVANCE TODAY: We have similar heresy today that it combats, i.e. the “hypergrace movement”. There are so many similarities to today’s church. Read it as the Inspired Word, with relevance to our context today.

READING 1 JOHN: It is a letter meant to be read from start to finish. It will give you a greater appreciation for what the author is saying and context for his arguments.