

Finding *Renewal* in the Love of God

“Discovering Renewal in the Testimony of the Father’s Love”

Leaders’ Notes: Meeting 2

- You will need
 - Your answers to the study questions.
 - For each group member, a copy of
 - “Experience 1: Good Morning Lord; It’s Me.”
 - “Unit 1 Discussion Questions”
 - Additional copies of 1 John in the NRSV, “Prayer Prompts”, and “Unit 1 Introduction” if you anticipate new or forgetful group members.
- Discuss the “Unit 1 Introduction”. Ask group members to point out the most significant points for the historical context of 1 John.
- Briefly discuss group members’ answers to the study questions. (My answers to the study questions are available in the resources section. However, you will want to answer the questions on your own before referencing my answers.)
- Have someone read 1 John in the New Revised Standard Version.
- Optional “Reader’s Theater”. See instructions from Meeting 1. You won’t want to do this every week, but it is good to add perspective at some point in the 18 weeks.
- Lead your group in responding to the text: ask “What did you hear?”
- Follow instructions for “Prayer Prompts: Responding to God in Praise.”
- Distribute “Experience 1: Good Morning Lord; it’s me.” Encourage group members to read this as soon as possible and begin the experience right away.
- Distribute “Unit 4 Discussion Questions”. Encourage group members to read over these before the next meeting (though they need not write out lengthy answers) and be prepared to share their thoughts with the group.
- Encourage group members to continue read, pray and listen throughout the week.