

# Growth Group Lesson

## *Reading the Bible Relationally, part II.*

1) The word “faith” can represent many things to different people. Nicodemus in John 3, for instance, believed Jesus to be a miracle worker, but nothing more. What kinds of faith do we see in the world and in churches today? How would each of us describe our own faith?

2) In John 5, Jesus spoke of the link between a person’s love for God and their ability to understand the Scriptures. In our own experience do we ever find that someone who really cares for us is a better listener than someone who doesn’t like us? Can you think of a real life example of this? Discuss how the heart plays a role in good communication.

3) In John 8, Jesus compared “the truth” of his own teaching with “the lie” of the devil. With this in mind think of some of the themes that are common wisdom in the world today and then ask if the Bible offers an alternative point of view—the truth versus the lie. For instance, in the world we may hear “Look out for yourself; if you don’t no one else will” while the Bible says “Consider others more important than yourself.” Can you think of other examples like this? Make a brief list of similar competing values, perhaps relating to money, time, work, and so on.

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4) Many of us have had special moment when we were able to “taste and see that the Lord is good” in our own spiritual life. Try to recall and then share one or two of these moments.