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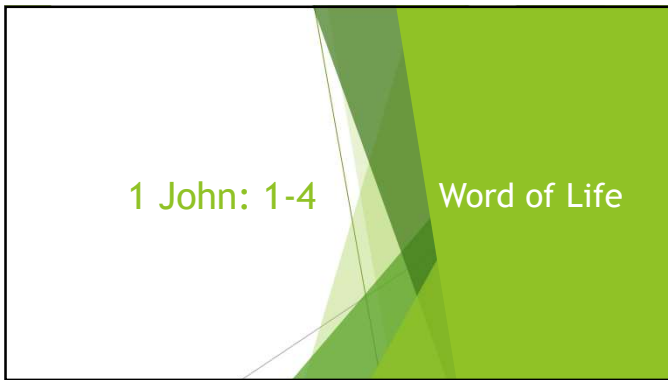
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1 John 1:1-2 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life—the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us.

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- To what beginning is John referring?
- What is the significance of the phrase *Word of Life*?
- Is there a difference between Word of God and Word of Life?

1 John  
1:1-2

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- What is behind John's introduction regarding what he had seen, looked at, and touched?
- Why is John so focused on seeing, touching, etc. Jesus?
- What is the difference between knowing about Christ and knowing Christ?

1 John  
1:1-2

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1 John 1:3-4 That which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.

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- What is fellowship as mentioned in these verses?
- What is the difference between our fellowship with God and our church?
- Is there significance with John's mention of fellowship with *us* first?

1 John  
1:3-4

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- Why is John sharing his testimony of Jesus?
- What is the significance of having both truth and love?
- What is the difference between joy and happiness?
- How is our joy made full?

1 John  
1:3-4

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Wrap Up

Further comments?  
Closing prayer.

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