

I'D RATHER HAVE JESUS

1 John 5:18-21

■ People who walk with Jesus _____

Proverbs 13:20; 2 Corinthians 3:18

- We know that _____

Verse 18; see also 1 Corinthians 10:13; 2 Thessalonians 3:3; James 1:13-15, 27; 1 John 1:8—2:1, 13-14, 29; 3:6, 9; Jude 1:24

- We know that _____

Verse 19; see also John 1:12; 12:31; 14:30; 16:11; Acts 4:12; Ephesians 2:2; 1 John 5:1

- We know that _____

Verse 20; see also Matthew 11:27; John 14:6; 17:3; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

■ People who walk with Jesus _____

Verse 21; see also John 17:3; 1 Corinthians 10:14; 1 Thessalonians 1:9; 1 John 1:2

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Questions for reflection and discussion

1. What elderly person have you learned the most from? What is the most important life lesson you have learned from this person?
2. Read Proverbs 13:20 and 2 Corinthians 3:18. In what ways do you believe the apostle John became more like Jesus during his 60+ earthly years as a disciple? What evidence for these changes do you find in Scripture?
3. Read 1 John 2:29; 3:6, 9 and 5:18. How would you summarize John's teaching in these verses? What is your gut reaction to this teaching? Do you believe it is always true that a tree can be recognized by its fruit? Why or why not?
4. Read 1 John 5:19; Acts 4:12 and Ephesians 2:2. What impact should the truth of these verses have on our daily life? To what extent is your daily life shaped by this truth?
5. Read 1 John 5:20; Matthew 11:27; and 2 Corinthians 4:3-6. Do you think all non-Christians have the ability to believe in Christ? Why do you think some do believe and others don't?
6. Read 1 John 5:21. What "idols" are you most tempted to worship and serve rather than Jesus? How did Sunday's message challenge your priorities?