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LOOK at the Text

1. 5 W's & H (Who, What, Where, When, Why, How)

- Who are the main characters in this passage? List everything we learn about the individuals or groups.
 - Jesus Christ
 - God the Father
 - You (the recipients)
 - We /us (believers)
 - The Spirit

In this chapter, rather than focus on testing and proof, John defines some terms and ideas.

- What (according to 1 John 5)...
 - Is love for God?
 - Is victory over the world?
 - Is the testimony of God?
 - Is the confidence we have in approaching God?
 - What does this mean?
- What do we KNOW, according to this chapter (there are 8 - 10 things that John tells us we know!)
- What is a sin that leads to death?
- What is a sin that does not lead to death?
 - Record your initial thoughts here and we'll continue to explore this idea throughout the Whole Bible Connections and in our teaching time.
- What are the commands in this text?
- What words are repeated throughout these verses? When anyone repeats words or phrases they generally want you to pay attention to these ideas!
- Where does the evil one have control?
 - What does this mean?



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- Why does John write these things to the recipients?
- Why did the Son of God come?
- Why does John end this letter the way he does? (The answer is not in the text! What do you think?)
- How should we approach God?
- How should we ask for things?
- How should we respond when we see a brother or sister committing a sin that doesn't lead to death?
 - Is this your first response, or do you tend to judge and/or gossip instead?

Pulling this all together, then...

- What are the main ideas recorded in this chapter? How would you summarize each section?
 - 1 John 5:1-5
 - 1 John 5:6-12
 - 1 John 5:13-21

2. LEARN from God's Word

Whole Bible Connections - Look up the following verses from other parts of scripture and note how they relate to 1 John 5. What do they affirm about what John is saying in this chapter?

- 1 John 5:1-5 focuses on overcoming the world. What do other scripture passages teach about this idea?
 - 1 Corinthians 15:50-58 (read the whole section for context and then focus on v 57)
 - Ephesians 6:10-20 (read the whole section for context and then focus on v 16)
 - Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 25-29; 3:5-6, 11-13, 21-22 all talk about conquering or overcoming or being victorious (depending on which translation you read!). List all the things listed in these pages that will be given to those who overcome.
- 1 John 5:6-12 focuses on the testimony regarding Jesus.
 - Read Deuteronomy 19:15-21. Why do you think John speaks of multiple people & 'things' testifying to the truth of who Jesus is?
 - Read John 1:32-34. What is testimony of the water?
 - Read John 19:31-37. What is the testimony of the blood?
 - Read Acts 5:27-32. What is the testimony of the Spirit?



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- What do we know about praying for sins that do not lead to death, and sins that lead to death? We'll talk more about this in our teaching time, but look up these passages to see what you learn.
 - Job 42:7-9
 - Jeremiah 7:1-20 (especially 16-20)
 - Hebrews 10:26-31
 - Based on these passages, what do you think are the differences between the 2 types of sin?

3. LIVE in light of the Text

- What is God saying to us in this passage about His purpose for our lives?
- How do the main ideas in this passage strengthen or challenge me to repent and change?
 - My Head - thoughts; beliefs; frameworks
 - My Heart - desires; emotions
 - My Hands - behaviours; deeds
- How should these main ideas influence and change my prayers?
 - Adoration - What can I praise and thank God for?
 - Confession - What do I need to repent of?
 - Supplication - What will I ask God for?