



## 1 John 1:1-4

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### **We need to experience the true Jesus, not just know about Jesus.**

*“What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life – and the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us.” 1 John 1:1-2*

- True Life with Jesus – hear, see, touch
  - What are some of the ways that people distort the truth of who Jesus is today?
- Real Love of Jesus – fellowship with God, eternal life
  - John 17:3

### **We are joyfully compelled to tell people about what we have experienced.**

*“What we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also...” 1 John 1:3a*

- Real love is what motivates us to proclaim
- We share from experience, not words or facts alone

### **We live together as a joyful family because of our fellowship with God.**

*“...so that you too may have fellowship with us: and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. These things we write, so that our joy may be made complete.” 1 John 1:3b-4*

- Real love for one another
- Fellowship with us – *koinonia* –
- Distinctives of this “*koinonia*” fellowship:

**Response:** We commune with God and one another as we receive the Lord’s Supper.

## LifeGroup Discussion:

1. What are some of the ways that people distort the truth of who Jesus is today? How can we graciously share with them the truth?
2. Practice in your group a way of sharing about Jesus from how you have experienced Him rather than just sharing facts about Him.
3. What has been your experience of fellowship or community within the church? How can you see that improved in your life? How can you see that grow in our church?

## Next Steps:

1. Join a LifeGroup to begin experiencing the fellowship of 1 John 1:3. LifeGroups are ongoing small group communities that gather together throughout the week to CONNECT in a smaller setting, GROW together in our faith, and REACH out together to our community. Find out more at Connection Point Central in the lobby today or visit [calvarylife.org/lifegroups](http://calvarylife.org/lifegroups)
2. Begin to sit closer to the front of the room and closer to other people in the Worship Center. Then begin a habit of introducing yourself, asking questions and talking to the people who sit near you in the services.
3. Consider coming on the Calvary to Turkey Trip to visit and learn about the region of the world where the epistles of John were written. For more information, visit the lobby table today or [calvarylife.org/turkey](http://calvarylife.org/turkey)
4. Share your faith with someone this week, but share your experience of Jesus, not just facts you know about Him.