

3. What has the Son of God done, and what has He given (5:20)? To help grasp what this “understanding” is, read and synthesize the following passages with this present verse.

Matthew 11:27

Acts 16:14

2 Cor. 3:14-16; 4:3-6

1 Cor. 2:14

Now, how would you describe this “understanding” that enables one to know God the Father? Can you relate to an incident in time or a process through which you were “given an understanding” such as this? What does this tell us is necessary for our loved ones who do not yet know Christ in a saving way?

4. What was the last instruction John left with his readers (5:21)? What are some of the “idols” that tempt you to live apart from the true God? How can you overcome the temptations of the idols you listed? What practical steps can you take this week to “guard yourself”?

Let's Pray:

Sermon Notes

“This Much We Know”

1 John 5:18-21

January 9, 2022

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 01-09-2022

Questions adapted from Karen Lee-Thorp, ed., 1, 2 & 3 John: Life Change Series, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 2013, pp. 111-117; James Galvin, ed., et al., New Testament Lesson Maker, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1992, pp. 323.

Getting Started:

1. What are the differences between things you
... know confidently are indeed true ...

... think are probably true ...

... are nearly sure are true ...

... have some misgivings about ...

... doubt is really true ...

Can you identify something for each category?

Digging Deeper:

Read 1 John 5:18-21

2. John asserts that “we know” several things in this passage. Isolate and list each thing John says “we know” (5:18-20).

When you review these things, how confident are you that they are indeed true? Does your confidence level for any of these fall into the other categories listed in question 1? If so, why do you think that is? What would transform your confidence for these into something you are sure of?