

5. (5:2) John wants to give his readers assurance of their faith, assurance of eternal life by inviting them to see the fruit of that faith being both love of others, and obedience. How does faith, active trust in Christ, lead us to loving others and obedience to God's commands?

6. (5:3) What do you think that John means by telling us that God's commands aren't burdensome? Have you found this to be experientially true? Why or why not?

7. (16) One of the ways John invites us to love one another is in prayer. How does John invite us to pray? What limits and promises attend this particular prayer? For reflection: Who are we being invited to pray for?