

## 1 John

1 John is a testimony about who Jesus was and is and what this means for those who seek to follow him. There is a strong emphasis on living out what you say – not just declaring that you belong to Christ, but living it out in prac

The author is not identified in 1 John. The letter begins and ends abruptly. Christian tradition associates the author of 1 John – and 2 and 3 John – with John the author of the fourth Gospel and the book of Revelation. Church tradition further identified that John as John, son of Zebedee, one of the 12 apostles.

Debates about the authorship of the Johannine material (i.e. John's Gospel, 1, 2 and 3 John and Revelation) are extensive and marked by a lack of agreement;

Some, though not many, think the same author wrote all three books.

Others think that one author wrote the Gospel



## Look out for...

Throughout the letter there is a vital connection made between knowing God and doing good works. Look out for it as you read.

Also look out for light and love and notice how the two are intertwined in what the author says.

Again important are the themes of witnessing or what you say. Notice this strand as you read.



## Discussion group questions

Were there any parts of the book that you particularly liked or which inspired you?

Were there any parts of the book that you disliked or which troubled you?

What did *you* think the book was about?

The author talks a lot about...  
think he...



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