

**1 John Week 2 - Chapter 2:3-27**  
Small Groups - Bethany Church Long Beach

**Intro:**

Was obedience a positive or negative thing growing up in your family? (Share examples)

**Group Questions:**

1. How would you explain to your friends that obedience to God is not an oppressive idea? How are you doing with the obedience test and letting Christ develop the obedience?
2. What does it mean to you to abide or remain in Christ? Put it in your words and share verses in scripture that have been helpful with this idea.
3. What are some examples of love you see in scripture? Can you share examples of how you love in your life?
4. Is it hard to hear forgiving others is a part of the "Love Test" Scott shared about?
5. Is it shocking to hear God hates certain things? Why does John not want us to lose sight of this hatred?
6. When it comes to worldliness as defined in 1<sup>st</sup> John, which of the three areas is a greater struggle for you as it ties to the Heart Test? (Lust of the flesh, eyes, pride of life)
7. Are there areas in your life temptations are waging war?
8. What do you think of when you hear the word Antichrist(s)? Share your exposure or understanding at this point in life? How are you doing with the truth test?
9. How do you think you will respond when Jesus comes again, if you happen to be alive when this happens? What would be some things that would cause someone to be ashamed or embarrassed at Christ's return?
10. Which resource, Gods word, Holy Spirit or Church could be exercised to a greater degree to have the confidence and assurance John speak of

**Pray as a Group**