
2John

Reason for the Book of 2John

The book of **2John** is John's letter to a mother regarding knowing and walking in the truth.

Key Words

"**Truth**" and "**love**" are the key words. Truth occurs five times and love occurs four times.

Theme

The theme of **2John** is how the proof of our love is in our walk (**2Cor 5:14**). How we behave demonstrates our love.

Key Verse

2John 6 This is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, that as you have heard from the beginning, you should walk in it. (NKJV)

Outline

- Love the Truth (**2John 1-3**)
- Live the Truth (**2John 4-6**)
- Look for the Truth (**2John 7-11**)
- Long for the Truth (**2John 12-13**)

Personal Reflection and Application

Consider that in **2John**, John says the proof of our love is in our walk.

In what ways does your walk (way you live your life) prove that the love of Christ resides in you?

Small Group Conversation Guide

Notice that those who do not abide in the doctrine of Christ do not have God (**2John 9**). To abide is to live. When you live according to God's Word, you are abiding in Christ.

What influences your point of view and the way you live? Is it what Christ has said or is it what someone else says? Discuss ways to remind yourself to abide in Christ.

Leadership Principles from 2John

Face-to-Face

Effective leadership is interactive. Consider [2John 12](#) and [3John 13](#) where John says he purposely is not including everything in his letter. Instead, he wants to speak face-to-face.

In our technological era, leaders must fight the temptation to rely solely on digital communication. How can you impact someone face to face this week?

Something to Find in 2John

Look for how John defined love.