

SERIES TITLE: DEEPER

PART 4: DEEP WALK

TEXT: 1 JOHN 2:12-14

INTRODUCTION.

The series' theme comes from 1 John 2:24, "If what you heard from the beginning lives deeply in you, you will live deeply in both Son and Father." [The Message] We all want to be deep. We want something lasting, substantive, and profound. This study of 1 John calls us to deeply root ourselves in Jesus, in order to thrive in a fallen world.

DISCUSSION.

What have been significant markers in the different stages of your life? How did your life change as a result of entering a new stage?

EXAMINATION.

- Most Bibles format vv.12-14 differently than the rest of the passage. Why?
- Why do you think John repeats the words "I write to you" each time?
- Who are the "dear children" and what is true of them?
- Who are the "fathers" and what is true of them?
- Who are the "young men" and what is true of them?
- Why do you think the groups are repeated, and why is some of the information different the second time?
- Can you think of any good reasons why John doesn't list these in chronological order?

APPLICATION.

- In your spiritual life, which of these three stages do you most relate to, and why?
- What does this passage teach us about how to move from one stage to another?
- Consider this quote from Martin Lloyd Jones: "If you are uncertain about the forgiveness of your sin, that in itself is sin." Is that a fair statement? Why or why not?

- In your opinion, which of these spiritual stages is represented most at TWP and why?
- Which stage do we need more of at TWP and why?
- Fact: What is a key truth that you understood from this passage?
- React: What did you feel?
- Act: What are you going to do?