

**SERIES TITLE:** DEEPER

**PART ONE:** DEEP JOY

**TEXT:** 1 JOHN 1:1-4

**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.**

When have you had an experience you couldn't wait to tell someone about?

**EXAMINATION.**

Vv.1-2 How do we identify who John is talking about?

- How similar is this to John 1:1?
- Why is John so repetitive and descriptive of his experience with Jesus?

Vv.3-4 How does this message impact fellowship?

- How does it impact joy?

**APPLICATION.**

- In what ways have you "seen" "heard" "touched" Jesus?
- Throughout this letter, John describes three "legs" of authentic Christian experience:
  - 1) Truth (believing the right things about Jesus);
  - 2) Obedience (living right for Jesus);
  - 3) Devotion (loving Jesus).
- Which of these do you find the most challenging and why?
- How much joy did you experience in this past week?
- If anything prevented you from "complete joy," would it fall under the heading of Truth, Obedience, or Devotion?

- Fact: What is a key truth that you understood from this passage?
- React: What did you feel?
- Act: What are you going to do?