

DISCIPLESHIP IN A PLURALISTIC SOCIETY – PART V

Study Notes – I John 3:12-24

John continues to lay out to his readers his own tests to indicate what we should look for to know what assurance of true faith looks like in a very pluralistic world. Back then, it involved the Greeks and the Romans and their influence on both the Jewish and Christian communities. He had to explain how come some people left the fellowship to return to Judaism since that seemed to be more attractive to some. Let's look at this passage and discover his arguments.

1. Explore what he says about the theme of belonging. What do you observe?
2. Explore what he says about sin and evil. What do we know about the story of Cain?
3. Explore what he says about love?
4. How does he tie these themes together?
5. What is he saying to us in our own context?