

S.P.E.C.K. SHEET

Read together: 1 John 1:1-4

Observation. Write down everything you observe about the "who, what, when, & where" in the passage(s). Look up any words that are unclear.

Application – S.P.E.C.K. (you can't always answer all 5 parts)

S. – Sin to confess or avoid? In the passage, does God say something about sin? Is there a sin to confess? Is there a sin that I should avoid?

P. – Promise to keep. Does God communicate a promise for me to claim?

E. – Example to follow. Do I find people in this passage that give a good role model? What character traits and which actions are commendable? Which are not?

C. – Command to obey. Are there any specific commands given for me to follow? What does God want me to apply to my life today and this week so that I develop Godly character and habits?

K. – Knowledge about God. What does this passage tell me about God or about Jesus Christ or the Holy Spirit? What is God like? What are His attributes? What does He do? What does He like and dislike? What is His attitude?

***Specific Plan.** From all that you have learned together in studying the passage from God's Word, what are you going to do about it? (This is not to earn God's favor or salvation, but rather a chance to deepen the relationship between you and Christ.) Make a specific, doable plan:

***Pray** for God's Help. Pray for one another, asking God to help you to apply what you have learned. He will!

Introduction and Background

- First John is the fourth of the _____
- John's purpose in writing this epistle is _____
- Key Verse: 1 John 3:23
- There are three clear themes:
 - 1) Children of God _____ Jesus Christ,
 - 2) Children of God _____
 - 3) Children of God _____
- No other book of the Bible talks about love as often as First John. One in every 50 words is a form of _____
- The early church father, Irenaeus, identifies _____ as the source of heresy which First John seeks to address.
- They denied:
 - Jesus was the Christ, the Son of God (2:22; 5:1, 5)
 - Christ had come in the flesh (4:2; 2 John 7)
 - authority to Jesus' commands (2:4)
 - their own sinfulness (1:8, 10)
 - salvation through the work of Christ (2:2)
 - the absolute demand that believers love one another (2:9)
 - righteous conduct as a requirement of fellowship with God (1:6; 2:29; 3:6, 10).
 - the responsibility to live as Jesus had lived (2:4, 6; 3:7)
 - the nature of the company of believers as a community of fellowship with the Father, with his Son, and with one another (1:3; 2:11)
 - the authority of the writer of the Epistles as the proclaimer of the message that had been from the beginning (1:5; 3 John 10)
 - that the members of the community who did not follow them were in the truth (2:20–21)

Answer Key: • general epistles • twelve-fold • believe in • keep His commandments • love one another • love • Cerinthus