

# Southwest Life Groups

A Place to Belong...A Place to Transform

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*Focus:* To assess how John is trying to convince his readers of who Christ is and to view our own lives and see if we are doing the same

## I John - Lesson #15 The Witness For Christ

**Introduction:** Many of us grew up in a church environment. We went to church where we heard stories of Jesus and of his followers. These stories were taught to us as fact and for many of us we took them as such. Although many of us have strayed from God for a time in our lives...some have still never asked hard questions of God.

- What is it that makes you believe that Jesus was and is real?
- What is that makes you believe that his promises are true?
- That his way of life is better?
  1. Was it an event...?
  2. A person? (These three are all really one question)
  3. Scripture?
- If you had to convince someone what compels you to “believe” what would you say? Would you believe you?

**Text:** I John 5:6-12...John now offers witnesses that want to testify that Jesus is the way.

- Read the text and discuss the difficulty of what you heard.
- Evaluate the significance of Jesus receiving his testimony from...
  1. Water (His life as a man and its effects)
  2. Blood (His death as the divine and its effects)
  3. The Spirit (His power and its effects)
- Vs 11-12...Assess why John is so passionate about Jesus. He keeps saying the same thing over and again in this letter.

### Application:

- How do water, blood, and the Spirit testify today?
  1. Water (Baptism is a witness to the continuing power of Jesus)
  2. Blood (Communion is a continuing witness of the atoning power of the cross.)
  3. The Spirit (The continuing evidence (power) of the Spirit in the Church was and is an undeniable witness to the continuing power of Jesus.)
- How do you assess your passion level about Jesus to Johns? Discuss.
- Do our lives testify that Jesus is the best way and the only way to live? Discuss.

