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# JULY 12 • 2 JOHN

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# INTRODUCTION

The book of 2 John is a call to put your faith in the truth of Jesus' love for you on the cross and follow His commands - not **so** He will love you but **because** He loves you. When we do this, we are living in a way that acknowledges Jesus is the center of everything, and with Jesus at the center, we can experience grace, mercy and peace regardless of life's circumstances.

#### DISCUSSION

For this week's, discussion let's consider several of Pastor Jesse's quotes.

- 1. "By far the most important question you will ever have to answer in your life is this: who is Jesus?" Who is Jesus to you?
- 2. "When Jesus is more of a question than an answer for you, you'll make up your own answers to life's questions." Is there an area of your life for which you are making up your own answers instead of putting Jesus at the center?
- 3. "If Jesus is the center of our life, we can remain centered regardless of life's circumstances because life bows to Jesus, not the other way around." Where in your life does this truth need to be more present?
- 4. When Jesus is at the center of our lives, we can experience grace, mercy and peace. Which one of these is your heart and mind needing most during this season of uncertainty?

Grace = I trust God's kindness is available to me and not dependent on me.

Mercy = I know God is for me and not against me.

Peace = I can rest in His love for me.

# DO SOMETHING

- 1. Read 2 John again and select one verse to write down and meditate on (think about) throughout the week. How does this verse reflect God's character and/or His relationship with you?
- 2. Prayerfully consider how you/your family could reach out with grace, mercy and peace to someone in your circle who is struggling.
- 3. Consider what step(s) you need to take to put Jesus back in the center of your life. It may be attending church regularly, getting back into the Bible, tithing, praying, joining a small group, serving, etc.

### RESOURCES

- 1. Tony Evans walks through 1, 2 & 3 John to paint a picture of love, obedience and truth in an eight-session video series on RightNow Media.
- 2. For a more in-depth study of 1, 2, 3 John and Jude, check out this eBook by Chuck Swindoll.
- 3. In this four-session RightNow Media series entitled *Finding Truth*, Francis Chan invites us into the power and confidence that comes from anchoring our identity, purpose and relationships in the truth of Scripture.