Sermon-based Growth Group Questions "Stay the Course:" 1 John 4:4-15: March 3, 2024

Introductory Discussion: What from the sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or challenging?

- 1. When you are on a long journey, what do you use to keep you headed in the right direction?
- 2. How can you make sure you are holding true to what the Bible actually says?
- 3. What do you do when you disagree, or don't like what the Bible says?
 - a. What are some ways you can understand why the Bible says what it says?
 - b. What do you do if you can't find a reason for the Bible's position?
- 4. How does desire affect how we read the Bible?
 - a. How can we guard against making the Bible "say" what we want to hear?
 - b. What does 2 Timothy 3:14 tell us to do to deal with misinterpretation?
 - c. Do you think you can justify every one of your beliefs biblically?
- 5. What does it mean to truly engage with the Word of God?
 - a. Who do you need to accurately understand the Bible?
- 6. According to verse 12, how do we know the love of God is in us?
 - a. How do we know we can love each other?
 - b. If the foundation of our relationships is love, how does that help us overcome our differences?

- c. What about the definition of true love helps us get past our differences?
- 7. According to verse 13, what has God given us to help us accomplish these things?
 - a. How then should you live your life?
- 8. What is your mission right now? Ephesians 4