



DISCUSS

How did Tony define truth at the beginning of this session?

Do you see this definition of truth in our world or culture? Why or why not?

2 John 1–5. What is the source of the love that John (and all people) have for God’s people (the elect lady and her children)?

Why would truth promote love?

In our culture today, would you say “love” comes from feelings or from objective truth? Why?

What kind of impact does it have on our ability to love if our love depends on the right combination of feelings?

What does the love that John describes look like, if it’s based on the truth of God’s compassion toward us?

Do our feelings change the truth God has revealed to us?

Does John’s admonition to love each other in verse 5 change if we don’t feel loving?

2 John 6–9. What does this kind of deception look like today?

HANDOUT

Session 7: 2 John



Why does having a truth that's independent of our feelings protect us from deceivers?

What have you implemented in your life to keep watch on what you believe?

How could other people help you in keeping watch?

2 John 10–11. **How does John expect a church to respond to false teachers—those who deny Jesus and God's truth?**

How's your Bible reading going? How do you regularly engage in the Word of God personally? How about publicly?

What one thing could you do this week to get into God's Word a little deeper?

LIVE IT OUT

Pray: Spend five minutes two times this week reading your Bible—the source of God's truth. Consider starting the Gospel of John.

Write: Consider some of the lies that the world spins around us each day. Write out a list of lies you're tempted to believe. Next to them, write out God's truth.

Connect: Take time this week to connect with fellow believers outside of your normal church hours. Enjoy the fellowship with God's people, but also take time to savor the time spent with others who are defined by God's truth—not the world's.

Memorize: Commit to memory 2 John 8. Use it to maintain your focus on the truth, and resist the lies of the devil and the world.

Summarize: The book of 2 John isn't long. Tony called it a postcard. Take five minutes and summarize in your head or on paper the message of the book. Then share with someone this week what stood out to you in this tiny letter.