

# John's Letters: Lesson 4

Relationship Tested by Behavior: "Walk as He Walked"

**Lesson Text:** 1 John 2:3-11

**Weekly Text:** 1, 2 and 3 John

**Assignment:** Read the lesson text (at least) 3-5 times and answer the questions to prepare for class discussion.

## In Context:

1:5-2:2 Fellowship with God: Our Relationship with Light and Response to Sin

**2:3-11 Relationship Tested by Behavior: "Walk as He Walked"**

2:12-17 Assurance and Warnings

## Study Guide Questions

1. John uses two "relationship" pictures in 2:3-6. What is meant by "know Him" (2:3-4)? What is meant by "abide in Him" (2:5-6)?
2. How can we "know that we have come to know Him"? How do we "know that we are in Him?"
3. Consider 2:6. How did "He walk"? (Cf. Jn. 4:34; 6:38; 15:12-13)
4. John clarifies he is "not writing a new commandment" (2:7), yet "on the other hand" he is "writing a new commandment" (2:8). In what sense is the commandment not "new"? In what sense is the commandment "new"? (Cf. Lam. 3:22-23)
5. How does John describe the one who "hates his brother"? How does he describe the one who "loves his brother"? (2:9-11; cf. 1:5-7)
6. Provide your own title for this section, 2:3-11.