

# 2 JOHN

– Every Word: summer series in the small books –

## “Play to Win”

June 28, 2020

**Scripture: 2 John**

**“Every Word” Series**

Play to Win-

The Object of the Game:

How to Score:

Key Verse: *“Watch yourselves, so that you may not lose what we have worked for, but may win a full reward.” 2 John 1:8*

Also: 1 Corinthians 9:23-25

### Outline of 2 John:

1-3, Greetings

4-6, Review of Jesus' Teaching

7-11, Beware of Deceptive People

12-13, Farewell

\_\_\_\_\_ for winning a full reward:

**1. \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.**

Truth: \_\_\_\_ times in the first 4 verses:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ in Truth (v.1)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ the Truth (v.1)
3. Truth \_\_\_\_\_ (v.2)
4. God's \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ , and \_\_\_\_\_ are found in truth (v.3)
5. Walk in Truth (v.4)

**2. \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.**

Love of God the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Christ (v.3)

Love \_\_\_\_\_ (v.5)

Love is \_\_\_\_\_ according to his commandments (v.6)

**3. \_\_\_\_\_ evildoers who oppose the way Jesus.**

Those who \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus (v.7)

Those who have their own \_\_\_\_\_ (v.9)

Those who \_\_\_\_\_ you (v.7 & 10-11).

**4. Develop \_\_\_\_\_ Christian Community.**

\_\_\_\_\_ the Church (v.1 and v. 13)

\_\_\_\_\_ in one another's presence (v.12)

Pursue \_\_\_\_\_ together in Christ (v12).

## **Getting Started:**

What are some of your favorite games to play?

How competitive are you? How do you handle losing?

## **Digging Deeper:**

Read 2 John.

John shows us how important it is to abide in truth. First: What does abide mean? Truth. Put it in your own words: what truth is John talking about here? (See the Gospel of John and 1 John)

Satan is a liar and a deceiver. What happens in our lives when we allow Satan to undermine truth?

What is your reaction to this commandment: Love One Another. Does it seem too simple? Too shallow? Too emotional? Or is it clear? Deep? Truth-filled?

Walking and commandment language has to do with obedience. In other words, actually loving one another in our actions...both in what we do and in avoiding ways that are unloving.

Where does loving come easy for you?

Reflect on your key relationships (Parents, Children, Spouse, Authority Figures, neighbors, the lost, etc). Where, or when, is love hard?

How does your obedience to the love command relate to truth? What lies might be behind your lack of love? Lies about God, about yourself, or about the others...

How seriously do you avoid people and wickedness that is of the antichrist...that which is in opposition to Jesus?

Engaging with the world without taking part in the evil of it requires wisdom. What are your thoughts and reflections after reading 2 John?

Amidst everything going on in the world, the importance of community, of relationships, of the church, can be seen and felt. How might you practice community more authentically this summer?

**For Families:** As you “play to win” as a family, we encourage you to plan a regular **Family Dinner Night**. Your truth and love and connections and joy will grow. Head to Facebook to learn more.

**Pray Together:** *Father, it is our desire to play..to live...to win for your glory. Show us your ways, teach us your paths, guide us in your truth. Jesus, you are our God and our Savior. Forgive us, Lord, where we have failed to love. We commit to walking the path of love this day. Holy Spirit, show us how in the difficult circumstances. And also help us avoid deception and wickedness which leads us away from you. Renew your church in truth, in Jesus' name, Amen.*