



## THE LETTERS OF JOHN

# Conditions and Conduct of True Fellowship

Session Number: 2 | Week: 1 | Day: 2

### Bible Passage

1 John 2: 1-14

### Introduction

In this session 1 John Chapter 2: 1-14, we focus on understanding the conditions of true fellowship, the indicators of right conduct and behavior in the fellowship among believers with different levels of faith, children, youth, and adults

### Session Objectives

By the end of this session, the learner will have:

- Understood the principles of holy communion and fellowship
  - by identifying conditions to meet,
  - by listing the right conduct and the wrong conduct/behavior to uphold and avoid, and
  - by identifying how believers of different faith levels conduct themselves.

### Session Outline

- Conditions for true fellowship
- Indicators of holy communion and fellowship
- Levels of faith in the fellowship
- Conduct of different members of the fellowship

### Connecting

- Study together in a group of two or more people.
- Begin with a prayer, asking God to bless your understanding.
- Read the passage at least twice using different Bible versions, then retell the story among your group members.
- Share the challenges and blessings from the previous day.

### Comprehending

- Read 1 John 1: 8-10 and 1 John 2:1-2. Identify at least two conditions for true fellowship and communion with Christ and other Christians.
- Read 1 John 2: 3-11. List three indicators of right conduct (behavior) in the fellowship with God and others.
- Read 1 John 2: 12-14. What do you discover as the conduct (behavior) in the fellowship among believers with different levels of faith, children, youth, and adults?

### Committing

- Engage with the Bible—read, study, memorize, meditate, pray, listen, and live it out.
- List three lessons you learnt as an agent of change that you would practice and teach others about
- Take time and worship Jesus with the attributes revealed about Christ now.
- Engage SPACEPETS model, to do something after the session. Look for:
  - **Sin** to confess
  - **Promise** to claim
  - **Attitude** to change
  - **Command** to keep
  - **Error** to change
  - **Prayer** to make
  - **Example** to copy
  - **Truth** to obey and
  - **Something** praiseworthy

### Communicating

- Identify one person and share the lessons you learnt in this session?
- Visit or call a new believer and Pray with them over the issues they are struggling with. Issue of attending the church.
- Form another group and repeat this study.

### Audio Summary

#### 1 John 2:1-14

- **Context:**
  - John confronts the “cancer” of heresies (denying Jesus’ incarnation) disrupting fellowship, using Luke 15 brothers to reflect Jews/Gentiles misled by lies.
  - False teachings erode life, love, and light—John restores truth for vertical (God), horizontal (believers), and downward (world) fellowship.
- **Advocacy and Obedience (1 John 2:1-6):**
  - John writes to prevent sin, but if believers sin, Jesus, the righteous advocate, atones for all (v. 1-2); knowing Him means keeping His commands—disobedience reveals a lie (v. 3-6).
  - Mercy provides forgiveness; obedience counters heresy’s lawlessness.
- **Love as Command (1 John 2:7-11):**
  - The old yet new command—love one another—reflects Jesus’ light; hating a brother is darkness, blinding fellowship (v. 7-11).
  - Mercy restores love, healing heresy’s division.
- **Stages of Faith (1 John 2:12-14):**
  - John addresses children (dependent, forgiven), young men (independent, strong, overcoming evil), and fathers (interdependent, knowing God)—each resists heresy at different maturity levels (v. 12-14).
  - Mercy grows believers to interdependence, refuting lies for others.
- **Application:**
  - Confess sin, obey Christ, love brothers, and grow to interdependence—confront heresy’s cancer to restore fellowship with God, believers, and the world.