

Life Group Sermon Summary Questions

These notes and questions are for the **August 20, 2017** sermon, "The Elect Lady."
Read the sermon passage out loud together (2 John 1-3).

Sermon Outline

Truth Expressed in Love...

- Distinguishes the Family of Believers (1)
- Indwells the Family of Believers (2)
- Assures the Family of Believers (3)

Life Group Discussion Questions

- Pastor Gary quoted Dr. Warren Wiersbe as saying, "Truth without love is brutality. Love without truth is hypocrisy. Truth combined with love is real Christianity." Discuss what this means.
- What does it look like to live in truth at the expense of love? What does it look like to live in love at the expense of truth? Which extreme do you see more often in our culture? Describe examples.
- How does truth combined with love distinguish us as Christians? What should we look like in today's world? How should we be different (but still present) in secular culture?
- Pastor Gary said, "It's possible to grow old in Lord, but not grow *up* in the Lord." What does this mean? How can we make sure we're growing up in the Lord?
- The purpose of 2 John (and 3 John) was to protect churches from false teachers who had gone out, possibly from John's own church, and began to distort the true gospel. In what ways can you see the gospel being distorted today? How can we best protect and preserve the true gospel today?