



Rock Point Church

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BIG IDEA

Love guards the truth.

2 John 1:1-11 (NLT)

¹This letter is from John, the elder.

I am writing to the chosen lady and to her children, whom I love in the truth—as does everyone else who knows the truth— ²because the truth lives in us and will be with us forever.

³Grace, mercy, and peace, which come from God the Father and from Jesus Christ—the Son of the Father—will continue to be with us who live in truth and love.

⁴How happy I was to meet some of your children and find them living according to the truth, just as the Father commanded.

⁵I am writing to remind you, dear friends, that we should love one another. This is not a new commandment, but one we have had from the beginning. ⁶Love means doing what God has commanded us, and he has commanded us to love one another, just as you heard from the beginning.

⁷I say this because many deceivers have gone out into the world. They deny that Jesus Christ came in a real body. Such a person is a deceiver and an antichrist. ⁸Watch out that you do not lose what

we have worked so hard to achieve. Be diligent so that you receive your full reward. ⁹Anyone who wanders away from this teaching has no relationship with God. But anyone who remains in the teaching of Christ has a relationship with both the Father and the Son.

¹⁰If anyone comes to your meeting and does not teach the truth about Christ, don't invite that person into your home or give any kind of encouragement.

¹¹Anyone who encourages such people becomes a partner in their evil work.

WATCH OUR WALK

GUARD OUR WELCOME

WHAT DOORS SHOULD YOU GUARD?

DOOR 1 - Attention

DOOR 2 - Kids

DOOR 3 - Endorsement

WALK

Is Jesus bigger or smaller in my life?

WELCOME

Whose voice has my ears and my yes?

GROUPS QUESTIONS:

1. What stood out to you most in this week's message, and why?
2. Read 2 John 1:7–9. Why is genuine love called to actively guard truth rather than simply accepting every idea?
3. How would you describe the difference between walking with Jesus in a way that makes Him bigger in your daily life versus reducing Him to something smaller?
4. Read 2 John 1:10–11. Why is extending a spiritual platform or endorsement to deceptive teaching dangerous for a community of faith?
5. What are some of the loudest voices competing for your attention through media, podcasts, or social platforms throughout the week?
6. How does what you regularly consume through your earbuds or screens shape what you believe about who Jesus is?
7. What makes it challenging to guard what enters the hearts and minds of the next generation today?
8. When someone or something asks for your influence, endorsement, or money, how do you evaluate whether to give your approval?
9. Whose voice currently has the greatest influence over your decisions and direction right now?
10. What is one practical boundary you need to put around your media consumption or time this week to guard your walk with Christ?