

**1 John:  
Discussion Questions**

*Week 1: The Problem and John's Response*

1. What is the context? How bad have things gotten? What is the relationship between the two groups who are at odds? To whom is the letter written? (And as a consequence, who did John think needed to hear the injunctions about loving others and obeying the command they had from the beginning?)
2. What are the ideas and theories to which John is responding? Read 1 Jn 1:5-2:11, in which John has conveniently listed some of his opponents' views, in three phrases beginning "If we say", and three beginning "Whoever says." What are these statements, and how does he respond to each? What other of his opponents' views do you find in 1 Jn?