



FIRST ORLANDO
GROUPS GUIDE

01-11-2026

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This month, we want to talk about how to GROW in a way that is “built to last.”
We want to be people who are built to last with a faith that is built to last.

Week 2

Built to Last

MAIN TEXT:

1 John 2:1-6

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Belong: (Ice Breaker): What are you praying for in the New Year? For yourself?
Family? Friends? Job? (pick one)

Believe:

Leaders: Notes: (bring everyone up to speed with the current series).

Recap from Week 1: We are becoming people whose lives and faith are built to last. The vision for our lives aligns with the reality of our lives.

The framework: Up (Relationship with God), In (Relationship with church), Out (Relationship with world)

Today we are focusing on UP: How are we growing in our relationship with God? What's hurting in our relationship with God? And how can I go deeper with God?

- **Read 1 John 1:8-10**
- What is sin? How does it impact our lives? Do Christians still sin? What do these verses say to do about our sin? What is the promise we have in Christ when we confess our sin? Why does this matter to our relationship with Jesus?
- *Note: “Sin is any failure to conform to the moral law of God in act, attitude, or nature.” - definition from Sermon*



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Believe:

Read 1 John 2:1-3

- As you listen to these verses what stands out to you?
- Verse 1 tell us that Jesus does something for us? How would you describe an “advocate”? Can you give an example of a famous (real or fictional) advocate/defense attorney? What are they known for?
- Verse 2 adds another layer on to what Jesus did for us (and the world).. What is that word? What does it mean? *[Note: If this verse sounds confusing, try reading it in another Translation like the New Living Translation or The Message to help explain the meaning].*
- *Note: These two words together paint an amazing picture of Jesus: He defends us and takes the punishment for us that we deserve for our sins.*
- How does this message of the Gospel encourage your heart today?

Become:

Read 1 John 2: 4-6

- As you listen to these verses what stands out to you?
- What does it look like practically (not necessarily perfectly) to keep God’s commandments? What should be evident in our lives?
- **Read Romans 7:15-19, and Romans 8:1**
- Do you relate to Paul’s writing about his frustration with his own struggle with sin?
- Can you give an example from your own life? (*Leader: Be willing to share, but ask the group to first*). What is our hope as faithful followers of Jesus?



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Become:

“We live in this tension of FORGIVEN sinners but called to HOLY living.” Pastor Trey

Read 1 John 2:15-16

- What do these verses say about what competes every day with our love for God?
- *Note: The shift we want to make as followers of Christ is to move away from just NOT sinning, but to growing in our love for God.*
- What is one simple step you can take this week to grow in your love for God?
 - Is there a sin you need to confess? A habit you need to break? A new habit you need to commit to?
- How can you follow through on taking this step?
- Is there someone you can ask to walk with you and hold you accountable? (*Note: Suggest someone in the group.*)
- Close in prayer.
 - Offer a few minutes of silence for group members to talk to God on their own, and then close everyone in prayer remembering the promise we have from the passages we shared.
 - Read 1 John 2:1-6 over them as a benediction.
- Text “Daily” to 40777 to get daily Scripture Texts