



FIRST ORLANDO  
GROUPS GUIDE

01-18-2026

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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 3**

***Built to Last***

**MAIN TEXT:**

***1 John 3: 1 - 4: 6***

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

**Belong: (Ice Breaker):** What friendship has impacted you the most throughout your life? Do you still have contact with that person today? What does it look like for you to stay connected in your current season of life?

**Believe:**

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

*Recap from Week 2: God has given us the path to a THRIVING relationship with Him. The type of relationship that is alive, active, and fulfilling. We can have a relationship with God that exceeds every expectation and leads to joy and meaning in every aspect of life.*

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

*Today we are focusing on In: We will look at our relationship with other Christians, the church and how this is supposed to work as a place where our faith relationships are formed and thrive.*

**Read 1 John 3:11, 1 John 4:7**

- What is the central truth the church has heard from the beginning? Where have you seen this same message in other parts of Scripture? (examples John 3:16, 1 Corinthians 13, Ephesians 5:1, etc)
- If we are to carry out this message, what must be true of us? Is it possible to do this alone? Why or why not?



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**Believe:**

**Read 1 John 4:19-21**

- As you listen to these verses what stands out to you? What makes it possible for us to love one another?
- What does our love for one another tell the world around us?

*“Perhaps one of the great witnesses to the world that Jesus is who we say He is, is how we treat one another inside of the church.”* – Trey Hildebrant

- When have you seen the love of fellow believers in the church be a great witness for the world? Share an example from your life or how you have seen a loving, healthy church draw non-believers to Jesus.

**Read: John 13:34-35**

- Why does this carry so much weight for us? (Hint: who is speaking in this passage?)

**Become:**

*The church is the community of all true believers for all time.”* – Wayne Grudem , *Systematic Theology*

*Leader’s Notes: Characteristics of the Church:*

- *One and universal (Ephesians 3:11-18)*
- *Characterized by unity (John 17:20-23)*
- *Local and Global (Matthew 28:19)*



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Become:

Read Hebrews 10:24-25

- What stands out to you from this Scripture?
- What does it look like to be part of the family of faith?
- How are you currently showing up in the body of Christ that is First Orlando?

Read: 1 John 4:1-6

- Considering the message John has already shared about fellowship with God, love, and the church, how does being part of a church family protect us from being deceived or the spirit of deception?
- Share how the church has helped grow the Gospel in you. Who has taught you well? Where have you consistently learned truth? Who reminds you of the gospel when you are struggling?

Read Romans 12:10-13

- What is the heart of this passage saying? Does this motivate you to serve others?
- Where are you currently serving? Where would you like to serve? What questions do you have about serving?
- *Leader's Note: Be ready to share about your first serving experience and how it impacted you.*
- If you aren't sure what to do, Text "Next" to 40777 to take your next best step in serving or being part of a group at First Orlando. We are here to help!