

A Quick Text

Exploring the four shortest books of the Bible

Session 3 2 John:
Keeping in Step with the Spirit
week starting August 29, 2021

The Johannine letters outline the first church split. The congregations of “the Elder” have experienced a painful division over the nature of Jesus and his saving work. In 2 John, the elder warns a sister congregation of the dangers of welcoming those who deny Christ’s humanity. The author is desperately trying to help his community understand how to walk in light, truth, and love as the community struggles to hold onto the authentic faith.

GETTING STARTED

- Describe a time in your life when you saw someone walk in love well.

DISCUSSION

1. Read 2 John. What do you notice about the author’s new command that was from the beginning? How can walking in love protect us from the false messages?
2. Read 1 John 4:7–21. How can this section on love help us understand how to keep in step with the Spirit if fighting division.