

Sunday, September 11, 2022

Sermon Series: *Walk in God's Light - Live in God's Love*

Sermon Title: "When God Takes The Witness Stand"

Text: 1 John 5:6-12

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**Big Idea:** In order to motivate believers to live on mission for Christ, John invites readers into God's courtroom in the case of "Jesus Christ vs. The World's Truth."

1) God's witnesses for the defense. (1 John 5:6-8 / Matthew 3:16-17)

2) The world's witnesses for the prosecution. (1 John 5:9-10 / Romans 8:37-38)

Falsehoods do not cease being falsehoods just because they become fashionable. —G.K. Chesterton

3) The final verdict. (1 John 5:11-13)

A true, purposeful life can only happen when I learn to lean into God rather than resist Him.

Study and Discussion Questions for 1 John 5:6-12

- 1) Have you ever served on a jury? What emotions did you feel while being in the courtroom? What made the atmosphere so serious?
- 2) What parallels do you see between the first creation in Genesis and the way God brings about His new creation through the life and death of Jesus?
- 3) What are some modern examples of humanity rejecting God's witness about His own son? As a believer, how could you declare the good news about Jesus without acting like an angry judge?
- 4) What specifically do you, as a believer, most appreciate about "having the Son"? What spiritual benefits bring you the most hope and motivation?
- 5) When you think of leaning into God, what actions best describe how you consistently do that? How has it changed over the years since you believed?