



HTC Groups

Discussion Questions

Sermon Title: Light in the Dark: The True Light

Scripture: 1 John 2:7-14; Mark 12:28-34

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Speaker Name: Justin Chandler

1. On Sunday, Harbor Trinity Church celebrated 70 years (1955-2025). What has been your favorite memory at Harbor Trinity thus far? What are you hopeful/prayerful/expectant to experience in the future?
2. Have you ever considered the Theological Test (1 John 1:5-2:2), Moral Test (1 John 2:3-6), and Ethical Test (1 John 2:7-11) as a framework that “we may know that we are in him” (1 John 2:5)? How is this helpful to you understanding your faith?
3. Jesus summarized “all the Law and the Prophets” (Matthew 22:40) in his response to a scribe in Mark 12:38-34. Do you find Jesus’ response to the Bible to be adequate? Why or why not?
4. How is loving one another a “new commandment” through Jesus Christ? How does “just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another” (John 13:34) differ from “love your neighbor as yourself” (Mark 12:31)?
5. As we consider the implication of these commandments, what is your definition of true Christian love? Why do you define it in this way?
6. What were some practical ways Jesus demonstrated His love while on earth?
7. How have you demonstrated this love to others?
8. John provides a stark contrast in the implications of our love for one another in 1 John 2:9-11. Are there implications or applications that come to mind for you?
9. How would you describe yourself according to John 2:12-14? Would you be a little child, young person, or adult?
10. Justin mentioned that one of the defining characteristics of a father is someone who reproduces. The same is true for disciples. If you would consider yourself a spiritual father/mother, who have you reproduced spiritually to walk like Jesus? Who are you continuing this process with?
11. Before we conclude, let’s take a moment to pray for one another and for the next 70 years at Harbor Trinity. May God continue to build His Church, just as He has promised.