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Sermon Notes

Created For Friendship In A Divine Community | 1 John 1:1-4
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1. Christian friendship is a _____ experience (v. 1-2).

2. Christian friendship is a _____ experience (v. 2).

3. Christian friendship is a _____ experience (v. 3).

4. Christian friendship is a _____ experience (v. 4).



QUESTIONS

ICEBREAKER: What is your favourite Olympic sport to watch? Why?

1. When the Apostle John wrote, "That which was from the beginning" [1 John 1:1], he was making an extraordinary claim about Jesus. What was that claim, and why does it matter [cf. Genesis 1:1; John 1:1-2; and John 1:14]?
2. Why are the eyewitness accounts of Jesus' disciples so significant to our Christian faith [1 John 1:1]? Also consider Acts 1:8; Ephesians 2:20; and 2 Peter 1:16-18.
3. John wrote that "our hands have touched" deity [1 John 1:1]. What does this mean, when did it happen, and why does it matter [cf. Luke 24:39-40; John 13:23-25; and John 20:27-29]?
4. In a culture that increasingly promotes death, how is the message of life announced in 1 John 1:1-2 bringing you encouragement and hope [cf. John 1:4; John 11:25-27; and John 14:5-7]?
5. According to 1 John 1:3, what is the essential nature of the Christian faith? What is it all about, and what difference does this make [cf. John 17:3; John 17:21; and 1 Corinthians 1:9]?
6. What is it about the nature of true joy that makes life worthwhile and gives purpose to our lives [1 John 1:4]? Also consult John 15:11; John 16:20-24; and 1 Peter 1:8-9.
7. What did you find helpful or challenging about this Sunday's message?

"True joy comes only from God, and He shares this joy with those who walk in fellowship with Him." (Jerry Bridges)