Theme: The short letter of 2 John is full of big topics like truth, love, and community, helping to define an authentic Christian faith and life.

### I. Authentic Blessing

- A. Theme: God gives the blessing of grace, mercy, and peace to His people, the Church, through Jesus Christ.
- B. Text: 2 John 1-3
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: 2 John 3
- E. Teaching keywords: Blessing; grace; mercy and mercy ministry; peace and comfort

### II. Authentic Truth

- A. Theme: Authentic truth has been revealed in Jesus Christ, preserved for us in Scripture, is experienced by Christians through the powerful Presence of the indwelling Holy Spirit, and is displayed in a life of obedience to God.
- B. Text: 2 John 1-4
- C. Response: Prayer
- D. Benediction: Acts 20:32
- E. Teaching keywords: Truth; Jesus; Holy Spirit

### III. Authentic Love

- A. Theme: Authentic love is rooted in the character of God, displayed in the life and death of Christ, described in God's Law, and is an essential trait of the obedient Christian life.
- B. Text: 2 John 1-6
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13
- E. Teaching keywords: Love; Christian life; God's Law; obedience

# IV. UnAuthentic

- A. Theme: Believers must be prepared to resist unauthentic teachings that distort the Person and work of Jesus Christ and thus create a false Gospel.
- B. Text: 2 John 7-11
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24
- E. Teaching keywords: False teaching and heresy; Christology; creation; humanity; redemption; eschatology

## V. Authentic Community

- A. Theme: Authentic community requires in person, face to face relationships rather than those mediated by technology.
- B. Text: 2 John 12-13
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26
- E. Teaching keywords: Community; humanity; technology

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