**BCM Bible Study - February 18 – 19, 2015**

**1 John 5**

**1 John 5:1-5**

What does it mean to believe that Jesus is the Christ (v. 1)? Why do you have faith in and believe that Jesus is the Son of God?

According to v. 1-2, how can we be sure we are born of God?

How would you answer someone who says he or she would like to become a Christian but is afraid that he or she wouldn’t be able to keep God’s commandments (v. 3)?

What did John mean by his statement that God’s commands are not “burdensome” in v.3 (Matt 11:30)?

What does it mean for believers that we have conquered the world? Do you feel like you and other Christians you know are overcomers; do you see the three characteristics (saving faith, love, obedience) of an overcomer in your life?

Jesus says He is an overcomer in John 16:33 and we are as well through him in Rom 8:37 and 2 Cor. 2:14.

**1 John 5:6-12**

 Water (Jesus’ baptism) and blood (Jesus’ death) are external objective witnesses

Witness – someone who has personal and immediate knowledge of something.

What does v. 6-9 mean?

How could you use v. 11-12 to share with others in very simple terms what it means to be a Christian?

Based on v. 11-12, how do you know no one can earn eternal life?

**1 John 5:13-21**

What helps you determine that what you ask for in prayer is God’s will for you?

What do you think is meant by “a sin that leads to death” in v. 16?

Do you think it is right to assume that a person was never born again if there is no evidence that his or her life has changed?

What idols do you think some Christians worship? How can we keep ourselves from idols?