**[ Inductive Bible Study Question – LA UBF Summer Conference, 2019 ]**

**1 John 4:7~5:21**

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| 7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.  8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.  9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.  10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.  11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.  12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us  13 This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit.  14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.  15 If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God.  16 And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.  17 This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus.  18 There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love  19 We love because he first loved us.  20 Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.  21 And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister  1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well  2 This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands.  3 In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome,  4 for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.  5 Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God  6 This is the one who came by water and blood - Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.  7 For there are three that testify:  8 the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.  9 We accept human testimony, but God’s testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son.  10 Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony. Whoever does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about his Son.  11 And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.  12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life  13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.  14 This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.  15 And if we know that he hears us - whatever we ask - we know that we have what we asked of him  16 If you see any brother or sister commit a sin that does not lead to death, you should pray and God will give them life. I refer to those whose sin does not lead to death. There is a sin that leads to death. I am not saying that you should pray about that.  17 All wrongdoing is sin, and there is sin that does not lead to death  18 We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the One who was born of God keeps them safe, and the evil one cannot harm them.  19 We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one  20 We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true by being in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life  21 Dear children, keep yourselves from idols |

**I. General observation (What does the text say?)**

The first step in Inductive Bible Study is to get the **big picture**; to see the **forest** before the individual trees!

Focus on understanding the overall context and structure. Apply Observation tools selectively to the text situation.

**1. Identify a Genre of this chapter**

Epistle

**2. Big Picture**

identified the background, historical context and overall sense of the entire book

1. Author: Apostle John
2. Readers: Surrounding Asian churches (possibly the 7 churches of Revelation 2-3)

- already Christian he calls them my little children (NIV: dear children) over and over again.

1. Date of Writing: A.D. 85~95
2. Historical Background : Gnosticism

🡪 Refer to the 1 John Introduction

**3. Factual Study**

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| **Read whole passage, divide the passage into different paragraphs and make your own subtitle for each paragraph (10 min)** |

**II. Observe and interpret paragraphs according to following division.**

**Part I. 4:7~21 (30min)**

**Part II. 5~12 (30min)**

**part III. 5:13-21(30min)**

**Part I. 4:7-21 ( Time limit 🡺 30 min )**

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**3. Write down the connections.**

**(**If condition, cause & effect etc)

**4. Write down the main points of this passage.**

(Consider the author's flow of thought)

**5. What are key words and verses?**

**6. Write down the main thought of the passage in one sentence.**

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| **7. Interpretation & Application**  **(“What lesson does the passage give to the audience? & How can I apply the text to me?”)**  **1) Interpretive questions? (The questions that we make to get the lessen from the text)**  Ex) Why should we love one another?    **2) Interpretation**  **3) Apply the text to your life**   * **The Word that touched your heart** * **Examine yourself with the word and write what you find. (refer to the attached guideline)** * **What can you do to obey the word? (try to write specific action)** |

**Part II. 5:1-12 ( Time limit 🡺 30 min )**

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| **The faith that overcomes the world**  1 Everyone who **believes** that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well  2 This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his **commands**.  3 **In fact**, this is love for God: to keep his **commands**. And his **commands** are not burdensome,  **victory**  4 for everyone born of God **overcomes** the world. This is the **victory** that has **overcome** the world, even our faith.  5 Who is it that **overcomes** the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God  6 This is the one who came by water and blood - Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who **testifies**, because the Spirit is the truth.  7 For there are three that **testify**:  8 the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.  9 We accept human **testimony**, but God’s **testimony** is greater because it is the **testimony** of God, which he has given about his Son.  10 Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this **testimony**. Whoever does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the **testimony** God has given about his Son.  11 And this is the **testimony**: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.  12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life |

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**Part III. 5:13-21 ( Time limit 🡺 30 min )**

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**III. Let’s share our application in group taking turn.**