

# Peter, Paul, and John: Wrestling with Faith in Troubled Times

## Discussion Questions for Week 4: Walk in Love (2 John)

1. What insights did you gain from the message this past Sunday? What was most helpful for you? What was difficult for you?
2. Read 2 John 5 and 10. What tension do you see between these statements? How do we experience this tension today?
3. Read 2 John 7. Why is it so important to faith that Jesus came “in the flesh” (i.e., with a real human body) rather than just as a spirit? What could be some consequences of adopting the belief challenged in this verse?
4. This letter contrasts two approaches to faith: being rooted in the past and the “beginning” (v6) versus looking forward or even “running ahead (v9). The speaker on Sunday suggested we could view this as a “conservative” approach and a “progressive” approach.
  - Which approach makes most sense to you and why?
  - What are the benefits of each approach?
  - What are the drawbacks of each approach?
  - How do you most need to respond and change as result of considering these contrasting issues?
5. This letter appears to be written in an authoritarian manner.
  - What has been your experience with leaders and authority in communities of faith?
  - What are the advantages of institutional authority in the church? What are the drawbacks?
  - How do you think Cedar Ridge does on the “authority vs. freedom” balance? How do you think we should change or adapt to this challenge?