**GIVING LIFE TO LIVING SERIES**

**“Intro - Giving Life to Living”**

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**1 JOHN 1:1-4**

We proclaim to you the one who existed from the beginning, whom we have heard and seen. We saw him with our own eyes and touched him with our own hands. He is the Word of life. 2 This one who is life itself was revealed to us, and we have seen him. And now we testify and proclaim to you that he is the one who is eternal life. He was with the Father, and then he was revealed to us. 3 We proclaim to you what we ourselves have actually seen and heard so that you may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. 4 We are writing these things so that you may fully share our joy.

**1 John: An Invitation to “Life”.**

**John invites us to his living room to talk about his friend Jesus.**

1. **Come experience the *real* Jesus.**

“We proclaim to you the one who existed from the beginning, whom we have **heard** and **seen**. We saw him with our own eyes and **touched** him with our own hands.” vs 1

1. **You can trust the “Word of Life”.**

“He is the **Word of life**. 2 This one who is **life itself** was revealed to us, and we have seen him. And now we testify and proclaim to you that he is the one who is **eternal life**. He was with the Father, and then he was revealed to us.” vs 1-2

* Words of Light
* Words of Truth
* Words of Love

1. **You’re welcome to join his open fellowship.**

He was with the Father, and then he was **revealed** to us. 3 We proclaim to you what we ourselves have actually seen and heard so that you may have **fellowship** with us. And our **fellowship** is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.” vs 2b,3

1. **You will receive a piece of joy.**

“We are writing these things so that you may fully **share** our **joy**.” vs 4

**Enjoy Fellowship**

**Common Union – “to have in common”**