



A HEART ABLAZE

COURSE GUIDE

Welcome

I am so excited that you have chosen to go through the A Heart Ablaze course! Whether you are diving in by yourself, or with your small group or church community, I want you to know that you have wisely chosen a crucial message for the times we're in today.

I believe this is such a timely message. Jesus is returning for a glorious church, a church that is not lukewarm, but a church that is ablaze with holiness, burning with His glory.

Throughout this guide, you'll find lesson summaries, reflective questions and prayers to work through on your own or with a group.

It is my prayer that God will reveal Himself to you afresh through His Word and His Spirit. Let's begin!

Sincerely,

John Bevere





LESSON ONE

The Purpose of Salvation

In this first lesson of A Heart Ablaze, John emphasizes the urgent need for sound doctrine in a time when many are turning to unsound teachings. Drawing from the Apostle Paul's warnings to Timothy, this lesson highlights the importance of being rooted in the Word of God and the necessity of enduring truth, even when it is difficult.

John discusses the concept of God's desire to inhabit His people, not just visit them, and the conditions required for this divine habitation. He also explores the historical context of God's relationship with Israel, using the Exodus narrative to illustrate the call to consecration and holiness. The ultimate goal is to prepare believers to be a holy bride for Christ, set apart from the world.

REFLECT

How can we discern between sound doctrine and unsound teachings in today's world?

What does it mean to you personally to be a "dwelling place" for God, and how can you cultivate this in your daily life?

In what ways can we actively "come out from among them" and live a life that is consecrated to God?

PRAY

Pray for the wisdom and discernment to recognize and embrace sound doctrine, and to reject teachings that lead away from the truth.

Ask God to ignite a passion within you to be a dwelling place for His presence, and to help you live a life that reflects His holiness.

Seek God's guidance in identifying areas of your life that need to be set apart from worldly influences, and for the strength to pursue a life of consecration.





LESSON TWO

The Glory of the Lord

In this lesson, we delve into the awe-inspiring concept of the Glory of the Lord. John explores the profound majesty and greatness of God, as illustrated through biblical narratives and the vastness of the universe. He emphasizes the importance of recognizing God's glory, which encompasses His power, wisdom, and immeasurable magnitude.

Through vivid descriptions and John's personal experiences, we are encouraged to reflect on the grandeur of God and His desire for us to dwell with Him in His glory.

REFLECT

How does understanding the vastness of the universe enhance your perception of God's glory and majesty?

In what ways can we become too familiar with God, and how can we maintain a sense of reverence and awe in our relationship with Him?

How does the concept of God's glory challenge or change your understanding of His love and sacrifice for humanity?

PRAY

Pray for a deeper revelation of God's glory in your life, asking Him to open your eyes to His majesty and greatness.

Ask God to help you maintain a heart of reverence and awe, avoiding complacency in your relationship with Him.

Thank God for His immeasurable love and the privilege of being called His child, despite His vastness and power.





LESSON THREE

The Pass to the Mountain

In this lesson, John explores the journey of Israel from Egypt as a metaphor for salvation and the importance of drawing near to God. He emphasizes the difference between being afraid of God and having the fear of the Lord, highlighting that the fear of the Lord is about reverence and a desire to be close to God.

John discusses the significance of sanctification, the necessity of cleansing oneself from sin, and the role of the fear of the Lord in maintaining a close relationship with God. He also contrasts the experiences of Moses and the Israelites at Mount Sinai, illustrating the importance of having a heart that fears God.

REFLECT

How does the journey of Israel from Egypt to Mount Sinai serve as a metaphor for our own spiritual journey and salvation?

What is the difference between being afraid of God and having the fear of the Lord, and how does this affect our relationship with Him?

In what ways can we cultivate a heart that fears the Lord and desires to draw near to His presence?

PRAY

Pray for a deeper understanding and reverence for the fear of the Lord, asking God to help you draw closer to Him and away from sin.

Ask God to reveal any hidden sins or worldly attachments in your life that may be hindering your relationship with Him, and seek His strength to overcome them.

Pray for a heart that delights in God's presence and treasures His commandments, seeking to live a life that honors Him in all things.



LESSON FOUR

A Manageable Deity

In this lesson, the focus is on the concept of a "manageable deity." John reveals what happens when people who have been delivered by God learn to live satisfied without His glorious presence. Using the story of the Israelites in Exodus 32, John warns of the dangers of creating a version of God that fits our desires rather than seeking His true presence.

He challenges us to examine whether we have shaped our understanding of Jesus based on societal influences rather than biblical truth. The lesson calls for a return to genuine repentance and a pursuit of holiness to experience the fullness of God's presence.

REFLECT

How does the story of the golden calf in Exodus 32 illustrate the dangers of creating a "manageable deity"?

In what ways might modern Christians be tempted to reshape their understanding of Jesus to fit cultural norms or personal desires?

What steps can we take to ensure that our image of God is shaped by Scripture rather than societal influences?

PRAY

Pray for a heart that seeks God's true presence above all else, resisting the temptation to create a version of God that aligns with personal desires.

Ask for the Holy Spirit's guidance in identifying and repenting of any idolatry in your life, whether it be a false image of God or worldly pursuits.

Pray for a renewed passion for holiness and a deeper understanding of God's Word, so that your life reflects His glory and truth.





LESSON FIVE

As Many as I Love

In this lesson, John teaches on understanding and embracing God's discipline as a sign of His love and our identity as His children. He explores the necessity of correction and discipline in our spiritual growth, drawing from the example of the church of Laodicea and various biblical passages.

He emphasizes that God's discipline is meant to refine us, leading us to repentance and transformation into the likeness of Christ. Through the insights found in Scripture, we are encouraged as believers to welcome God's correction as a pathway to holiness and deeper communion with Him.

REFLECT

How does understanding God's discipline as an act of love change your perspective on trials and corrections in your life?

In what ways can you actively seek and embrace God's correction in your daily walk with Him?

Reflect on a time when you experienced God's discipline. How did it lead to growth or change in your spiritual journey?

PRAY

Pray for a heart that is open and receptive to God's correction, asking for the humility to embrace His discipline.

Ask God to reveal any areas in your life where you need to repent and align more closely with His will.

Thank God for His loving discipline and guidance, and pray for the strength to pursue holiness and righteousness.



LESSON SIX

Holy Fire Within

In this final lesson of A Heart Ablaze, John leads us in exploring the profound theme of God's chastening and the importance of embracing His correction to grow in holiness. He emphasizes the necessity of humility to receive God's discipline, drawing on biblical examples such as Isaiah and Uzziah.

He also highlights the significance of holiness as the defining characteristic of God and the church, urging believers to pursue a life set apart from the world. The lesson concludes with a call to be vessels of God's glory in the coming great move of God.

REFLECT

How does pride hinder our ability to receive God's correction, and what steps can we take to cultivate humility in our spiritual walk?

Reflect on the vision of God's holiness as seen by Isaiah. How does this vision challenge your understanding of God's nature and your relationship with Him?

In what ways can we actively pursue holiness in our daily lives, and how does this pursuit prepare us for God's future plans?

PRAY

Pray for a heart that is open to God's correction and discipline, asking for the humility to embrace His refining work in your life.

Ask God to reveal any areas of pride or hidden sin in your life, seeking His cleansing and the strength to walk in holiness.

Pray for the church to be a holy and radiant bride, ready to reflect God's glory in the world and participate in His coming move.



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