

## 1 John - Week 3

### Chapter 3

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## Love, Practice, and Obedience... Oh My!

### I. Who we:

#### A. Are: (1 John 3:1a)

1. SO loved!
2. Children of God (Wow!)
3. Plucked out of the pit and set on solid ground (Psalm 40:1-3)

#### B. Are Becoming: (1 John 3:1b)

1. Like Him
2. Because we will SEE Him as He is

### II. What Holds Your Gaze?? (1 John 3:3-10)

#### A. Hope Fixed on Him (1 John 3:3)

1. Purifies self
2. Keeps us from Sin

#### B. What are you Practicing? (1 John 3:4-10)

1. Practice: to repeat with intentionality and purpose
2. Leads to lawlessness
3. Practice makes Imperfect
4. Practice righteousness - righteous
5. Practice lawlessness - from the devil!

#### C. SO... where is your focus?

1. Where do you Abide? (1John 3:3)

### III. A Message From the Beginning (1 John 3:11-2)

#### A. A new command I give you (John 13:34-35)

#### B. Cain and Abel

1. The heart of the matter
2. Doing just enough
3. We ask the wrong questions
  - How far is to far?
  - What MUST I do? No, what CAN I do?!
4. The right question... How do we love?

#### C. A Life of Love (1 John 3:16-18)

1. What is Love (vs.16)
  - i. An act of dying
  - ii. Measured by:
    - What you are willing to give up
    - Who you show up for
    - Obedience
  - iii. We are Called to Obey God:
    - Immediately
    - When it doesn't make sense
    - When you don't see a personal benefit

- When it's painful
- To completion

#### **IV. Jesus' Definition of Love (1John 3:23)**

1. Believe in Jesus
2. Love one another
3. Obey

##### **A. How do we Keep His commands? (1John 3:24)**

1. Abide in Him (John 15)
2. Allow HIM (Holy Spirit) to abide in you!
3. Say YES!

#### **LifeGroup Questions:**

1. *Optional Icebreaker Question: What's your go to karaoke song?*
2. How is the parent child relationship an appropriate illustration for God's relationship with us? How have you experienced God being an adopted Father to you?
3. What are some things that you practice? (The good, the bad and the ugly!) How can this community help each other walk and practice righteousness this week?
4. In what areas of your walk with God are you tempted to ask questions like "how far is too far?" and "what must I do" instead of asking God what He wants with a total heart of submission and surrender?
5. Love of others is how we show the world that we follow Jesus. Has a fellow believer ever shown you sacrificial love like described in 1 John 3:16-18? Is there a situation, fellow believer, or even non-believer that God may be calling you to love in a sacrificial way?
6. Obedience is God's Love language. How can you love God this week?