

## **Dig Deeper @Home – “Living 1<sup>st</sup> John”**

### **Complement to lesson on 11/10/24 – “Act from Love”**

#### **ICE BREAKER – Questions to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered**

1. What makes you feel loved? What makes you feel unloved?
2. When have you experienced forgiveness? From others? From the Lord?

#### **MEMORIZE – 1<sup>st</sup> John 2: 5-6**

“But whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he (Jesus) walked.”

#### **READ – 1<sup>st</sup> John 3**

##### **Questions to ponder/discuss:**

1. Re-scan the text and consider...
  - a. What did the Holy Spirit draw your attention to as you read?
  - b. Is anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared? (If so... why might that be?)
  - c. What in these verses is interesting? What is confusing?
  - d. What are the verses revealing about God? What are the verses saying about people?
  - e. In light of these, what needs to change in your life? What are you already doing well?
2. Read again 1 John 3:1. How does the concept of being a child of God impact the way you view yourself? The way you view other believers?
3. Read again 1 John 3:3. In what areas of your life do you need to “purify” yourself and reflect God’s holiness? To help answer that question, consider: “what areas of life do you not reflect God’s holiness?”
4. Read again 1 John 3: 16-18. How can you show love through actions, not just words, in your relationships with others where you live, work, study, worship and play?
5. How many times do you see the word “practice” in chapter 3? Why does this appear so often? What do you find yourself practicing where you live, work, study, worship and play?

## EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – Abide in the Light pt2

1 John 2:9-10 tells us that, “Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling.”

What comes to mind when you hear the word abide or the call to abide in Christ?

Now read 1 John 3:24

1. How does this verse impact your understanding of abiding in God?
2. Two primary commands saturate 1 John: confess your sins and love one another. If we do these, we abide in God.
  - a. Take an honest look at your life. Are you practicing both of these commands daily?
  - b. What’s keeping you from practicing them more?
  - c. What are you practicing instead?
  - d. How are these two commands related?
  - e. What do you need to confess to today and who will you confess it to?
  - f. Who do you need to love in action today and how will you do it?

## SING

**Boldly I Approach** - <https://youtu.be/Xx94Fg4qZr8?si=UUQMW3hp04AAMrwg>

**Blessed Assurance** - <https://youtu.be/6GJF1ac37II?si=2TPfqJgm0ohS1YSa>

**In Christ Alone** - <https://youtu.be/FidnYSBq578?si=-n024FvG-OEigS9P>

**His Mercy is More** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W5EUvOnQr4Y>

## PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us. In the Spirit of Matthew 6:10, pray also that God’s “kingdom come, (His) will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”

### **Sending prayer based on the message:**

Heavenly Father, you are light and in You is no darkness at all. Holy Spirit, give me strength to walk in the light as you are in the light. Thank you, Jesus, that as I walk in the light, you bring me into fellowship with others and your blood cleanses us from all sin. Help me to live in confidence, knowing that my hope is in You.