

## BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

**In preparation for Sunday, October 3, 2021**

**Passage: 1 John 2:28-3:3**

Memory Passage: 1 John 3:1-2

### **DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

### **READ THE PASSAGE**

(a) **Read 1 John 2:28-3:3.** Verse 28 is a verse that could be the end of what precedes or the beginning of what follows. In what ways does it reach back to vs. 18-27? In what ways does it reach forward to 2:29-3:10?

(b) Explain in detail what you learned last week about “abiding.”

(c) How does abiding in Christ result in (cf. “so that” in v. 28) “confidence” without “shrink(ing)” back at Jesus’ coming?

(d) How will the actions of one who has “confidence” when Christ returns differ from the one who “shrinks back in shame.”

### **DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

### **READ THE PASSAGE**

(a) **Read 1 John 2:28-3:3.** How does one “know that he is righteous?”

(b) What does it mean to be “born of him” (remember what you have learned about the way John uses the Greek preposition  $\epsilon\kappa$  [translated “of”], and if you need a bit more help, see John 1:12-13, 3:1-15, 1 Pet. 1:3-5, 1 John 3:9, 4:7, 5:1, 4, & 18)?

(c) How do you know what actions identify one who “practices righteousness?” How is this righteous life related to abiding?

(d) What is the relationship between being born of God and practicing righteousness (i.e., which comes first) & and why does it matter)?

### **DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

### **READ THE PASSAGE**

(a) **Read 1 John 2:28-3:3.** What kind of love *has* the Father given to us?

(b) Conduct a word search on “adoption” (5x in ESV) and “children of God” (9x in ESV). Write a paragraph detailing what you learn about being an adopted child of God.

(c) In what ways does the world not know the adopted children of God?

(d) What does the fact that the world does not know God have to do with the world not knowing us?

**DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT****READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read 1 John 2:28-3:3.** Why does John emphasize that we are God’s children “now?” What is significant about “now?”
- (b) What should believers be expecting (“what we will be has not yet appeared”) when he “appears?” (cf. Eph. 4:20-5:2; Phil. 3:19-20; Col. 3:4; Rom. 8:14-17)?
- (c) Is this transformation a process happening “now,” or is it entirely future? How does v. 3 inform your answer?
- (d) Why is it necessary for one to “hope in him” in order to engage in this transformational purifying from now to then?

**DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT****READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read 1 John 2:28-3:3.** How is purifying yourself (v. 3) related to practicing righteousness (2:29) and abiding (2:28)?
- (b) How does hoping in Christ now motivate you to pursue sanctification (i.e., “purify” yourself)?
- (c) How does your life look more like Christ and His purity today than it did last week? Last year?
- (d) Re-read the paragraph you wrote on Day 3 (b). In what ways do these truths cause you to rejoice over being adopted by your heavenly Father? In what ways do these truths motivate and empower you toward pure, righteous living?
- (e) In what ways are you challenged by the fact that the world will not know you if your life resembles Jesus? In what ways are you encouraged by the same fact?
- (f) Write down at least three more applications flowing from your study of 1 John 1:28-3:3.

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