

### SUNDAY RECAP

We are in week 3 of our series, **Resurrection Living**, going through the letters of John (1, 2, and 3 John), a rich yet practical part of Scripture that helps us navigate resurrection living in relationships. Before you begin, pause together and invite the Holy Spirit to guide your conversation.

**OPTIONAL ICEBREAKER:** What's something (fun or meaningful) that you've been called or known for at some point in your life?

**READ THE PASSAGE TOGETHER:** 1 John 3:1-18

### DISCUSSION GUIDE

*Don't feel pressure to get through every question! Follow where the Spirit leads and spend your time on the questions that spark meaningful discussion.*

1. As you read 1 John 3:1-10, what stands out to you about what it means to be a child of God (present and future)?
2. Jesus says, "when he is revealed, we shall be like him" (v. 2) In what ways do you think we will be like Jesus?
3. How does the hope of becoming like Christ shape or challenge how you live today?
4. John speaks strongly about sin and ongoing patterns of it (v. 4-6). What do you think he is trying to communicate and protect the church from? How do you hear this tension between grace and growth?
5. In verse 7, John says "don't let anyone deceive you". What are some ways people today distort or downplay sin, or redefine what righteousness is?
6. John uses Cain as a warning about where hatred leads (v. 12-15). Why do you think he takes this so seriously (even for ordinary believers, not just extreme cases)? Where do you see "Cain-like" tendencies show up in subtle ways in your own heart (judgment, distance, silence, comparison)?
7. John says the opposite of hatred and murder is showing love by saving the life of another (v. 16). What is one practical way you can "lay down your life" for a neighbor, stranger, family member or coworker this week?
8. Think of a time that someone has shown love to you, "not just in words... but in deed and in truth" (v. 18). How did their actions impact you?

*(Questions sourced from N.T. Wright's Bible Study Guide for 1, 2 & 3 John)*

**GROUP PRAYER TIME:** Share requests and pray for one another. Use the prayer prompts below to guide your prayer time as a group (or individually this week):

- **Identity:** Father, help me believe and live like I am truly Your child. Let Your love and the identity you have given me be what defines me.
- **Transformation:** God, shape my heart to become more like Jesus. Grow in me a desire to turn from sin and walk in Your ways.
- **Confess:** Lord, I bring all of me to You, especially the areas I struggle with. I acknowledge my need for Your grace and help.
- **Love for Others:** Jesus, teach me to love people the way You have loved me, sacrificially, selflessly and sincerely.
- **Action-Oriented Faith:** Holy Spirit, open my eyes to real needs around me and give me courage to respond with action, not just words.



## MORE WAYS TO ENGAGE

Fair Oaks Church Sermon Podcast (Apple Podcasts & Spotify) to listen to just the message. Check out *Cutting Room Floor* episodes that further unpack sermons.

## UPCOMING EVENTS [Learn more at fairoaks.church/events](https://fairoaks.church/events)

- **5/7: WFO Women's Brunch** | 9:30-11:30a | Speaker: Rachele from City of Refuge
- **5/8: Food Distribution at FO/OV Food Bank** | 9a-12:30p | Sign up to serve
- **5/10: Food Drive** | Bring donations to services & drop in church lobby
- **5/16: Men's Breakfast** | 8a-10a | RSVP at [fairoaks.church/events](https://fairoaks.church/events)
- **5/16: Big Day Of Service** | Community-wide service projects
- **6/15-6/19: Summer Blast Kids Camp** | 9a-12p | Registration is open for campers and volunteers at [fairoaks.church/kids](https://fairoaks.church/kids)



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