

# Group Discussion Guide

Week of October 31, 2021

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## 1 John 3:1-9 – Set Free by His Love

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- Share a time you did something strictly out of habit without even realizing you were doing it.
- What are some bad habits (ruts) you have found yourself stuck in, in life?
- What caused you to discover you were in that rut?
- Did you get out of that rut? How?

### QUICK REVIEW

Looking over your notes from this past teaching... was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

### MAIN POINT

*If we have trusted Jesus, then we are the Children of God, and as such, we have been SET FREE! Free from sin, death, and fear. We are no longer slaves; we are SONS and DAUGHTERS!*

### DIGGING INTO THE WORD

**Read** – 1 John 3:1-3

- Describe, in your own words, what “*this manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us*” means to you.
- What are some common ways people view God, other than as a loving Father?
- Have you ever, or do you currently, view God as something other than a loving Father? Where do those views come from?

**Read** – Proverbs 9:10

- What do you think it means to “fear the Lord”?

- How can it be possible to “fear the Lord” and, at the same time, understand Him to be our loving Father?

**Read** – 1 John 4:17-19

- What do these verses have to teach us regarding growing in a relationship with God?

**Read** – 1 John 3:4-9

- Do you see these verses as...
  - 1) a COMMAND – not to sin
  - 2) a DECLARATION – that we don't have to sin
- How can viewing these verses as a COMMAND – not to sin - be a burden?
- How can viewing these verses as a DECLARATION – that we don't have to sin - be a release of burden?
- How have you found more victory over sin in your life?
  - 1) Trying real hard not to sin.
  - 2) Being freed, by God, from the bondage of sin.
- If you work real hard and overcome sin on your own, who gets the glory?
- If God frees you from sin, who gets the glory?
- How could this understanding of who gets the glory help us in our pursuit to see ongoing sin become defeated in our lives?
- Have you ever had a friend stuck in sin and you tried to free them from that sin? How did that go?
- Why is it difficult to free others from sin?
- Why is it difficult to free ourselves from sin?

**Read** – Romans 8:15-16

- How does understanding that we are FREE and CHILDREN OF GOD help us to be released from FEAR and SIN?

## TAKING IT HOME

- Share an area of your life where you need to see some victory over sin.

## PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS