

Sermon Guide



“The Children of God” June 18th, 2023

“And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming.”

1 John 2:28-3:10

- 1. Greg talked about our call to be different than the world. In John 15, Jesus tells the disciples that they will be hated for following him. Greg then challenged us to evaluate *why* we are disliked in our culture: is it because we speak the truth in love while operating from the fruit of the Spirit? Or because we cause dissention through areas of immaturity?** Read through the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23. Then think of a recent conversation you had with someone about the Truth. What went well? What did not?
 - 1. Follow Up Question:** If nothing comes to mind, how might you pursue more relationships with those who need to be discipled or hear about Jesus?
- 2. Greg shared about the “expressive individualism” of our culture. When we believe the gospel, we become part of a new family that adopts new behavior. We learn how to live the Christ life together.** As you think about expressive individualism, share your experience. Was it hard to learn to be in community and adopt the behaviors of your new family? What was challenging? What came more natural to you?
- 3. Greg said that different generations struggle with different views of legalism. Some Christians fixate on rules to help them feel secure in their salvation. Other Christians forget that God calls believers to holiness and to be changed by the gospel.** Which of those do you relate to and in what ways?

We often talk about taking your next step of faith with Jesus. As you reflect on this week's teaching, what is the next step of faith you'll commit to?