

The Gospel From every Angle

Gospel as Propitiation

1 John 2:1-2

TALK IT OVER

Passages

"2 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world."
– 1 John 2:1-2 (ESV)

Start Talking: Find an announcement or mission for your group. (15 Min)

- When is our next outreach party? See page 4 for ideas
- When is our next mission we would like to participate in?
- As you reflect on last weekend's sermon, what one principle or insight stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful, or difficult to grasp.

Head: Start Thinking about the Text. Ask a question to get your group thinking. (10 Min)

- Read 1 John 2:1-2. What does propitiation mean? Use a dictionary if you need. What do you think is the context of this passage? Read the following verses and foot notes if you have them.
- Why do we need someone to advocate for us?

Heart: Start Sharing how the Text is shaping our beliefs. Choose a question to create openness. (10 Min)

- What about Jesus being the appeasement for our sins make you comforted or uncomfortable?
- Share a time when someone advocated for you. What was it for and why did they do it? How did it make you feel?
- Why is God's grace not a free pass to sin? Have you been tempted to use it like one, or have you?

Hands: Start living the Text. Commit to believing or obeying the text this week. (10 Min)

- Read all of 1 John, grow in your knowledge of God Word.
- Jesus desires that we are doers of the word, and not hearers only. Please create an "I will" or "I believe" statement that describes how you will take action based on today's biblical teaching.

Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power. (15 Min)

- For suggestions on structuring prayer time, see the *Group Prayer Ideas* page in this packet.

Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three. Pick a question. (15 Min)

1. Who is one non-believer or someone without a church home that you need to reach out to this week?
2. What kind of conversations are you having with people you are reaching out to?
3. Is there anything God is leading you to repent of?
4. What's a passage of scripture that has impacted you this week? Read it to the group and explain why.
5. What's something you'd like someone else to check in with you about this week?
6. Pray for one another.