

# THE LITTLE LETTERS

## GROUP FOCUS QUESTIONS

Week of: August 1-7, 2021

Text: 1 John 3

### GETTING STARTED:

What's the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the word "religion"? Does it tend to have positive or negative connotations for you? Why do you suppose that is?

### DIGGING IN:

Read 1 John 3:1-10

1. Why does John repeatedly stress the importance of our being adopted into the family of God? How does that fact affect your outlook on life?

2. The King James Version translates the last part of 1 John 3:9 as "...and he cannot sin, because he is born of God," while the New International Version translates it as "...they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God." Explain the difference between the two, and why it matters.

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3. If you feel comfortable doing so, share your responses to the following "self-assessment test" based on this passage.

- Is there love in your heart for Jesus?
- Is there love in your heart for your brothers and sisters in Christ?
- Do I seek out ways to put what I believe into practice?

### DIGGING DEEPER:

1. How do you deal with your heart if it continually condemns you?

2. Jesus came to "destroy the Devil's work." The Greek word in this verse suggests the idea of being "turned loose" or "set free" from a trap. Has this been true in your life? If so, how?

### PRAYER SUGGESTION:

Ask God that He would open our eyes to the dangers of falling into the trap of "religiosity," and that instead we would see the joy and freedom of knowing that the one sacrificial Lamb of God offered by the one High Priest is sufficient to save and keep us.