1 John 2:3-11

1. Obedience and spiritual _____ (1 John 2:3-5)

   A. Knowing God is evidenced by our _____ to God's commands.

   B. A person who claims to know God, but does not do what God says is a _____.

   C. A genuine believer keeps God word and the love of God is _____ in him.

2. Obedience and the Life of _____ (1 John 2:6-8)

   A. A genuine believer should live as _____ lived.

   B. The concept of obedience as an indicator of genuine _____ is not new.

   C. Since the coming of Christ, there is a new understanding of the _____ of obedience.

3. Obedience and _____ (1 John 2:9-11)

   A. A genuine believer will not _____ another genuine believer.

   B. A genuine believer does not set _____ for other believers.

   C. Genuine believers _____ with other believers, never driving people away from the community of faith.

Discussion Questions

1. Give example of beliefs which have practical implication on our behavior.

2. What does it mean "in him the love of God is made complete"?

3. In what ways are we to imitate Jesus' earthly life?

4. How is a genuine believer to handle conflict with other genuine believers? How do we handle believers who are hard to love or have even wrong us?

5. How do we neglect the call to obedience to God's commands?

6. The call to obedience can be abused. What are some potential areas of abuse of the call to obedience?

7. Is there any legitimate reason for a genuine believer to leave a church? Yes or no…why?