

Small Group Guide

1 John 2:1-10

From the sermon - #TYMK3



1 John 2:1-10

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. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you have heard. At the same time, it is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling.

Discuss

1. Does Jesus' advocacy encourage you to seek Him when you sin? Why or why not?
2. What is proof that we are abiding in God according to this passage?
3. How has abiding in God changed your heart and life? Have you and others seen a difference?
4. Do you see the struggle between light and dark when you try to walk in His ways? What makes you want to push through that struggle?
5. How has your love for other Christians changed since you placed your faith in Jesus? Has your hate changed just as much?
6. What do you do with those people you struggle with? How do you show love without being a doormat?
7. The theme of our study is #TYMK (That You May Know). What did you need to know from this study this week?

Pray

Pray for one another that you will continue to walk in God's ways. Pray for strength when temptation to sin comes, but also that you will remember Jesus is your advocate for when you do sin. Pray that your love for your brother's and sister's in Christ will be strengthened.

Do

There may be someone you know that you are not on good terms with. Begin taking steps to reconcile things with them.

1. Pray that God gives you the right heart towards them
2. Take action in showing them love
3. Be willing to forgive them, or ask for forgiveness from them

Next small group meets the week of January 21st