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Truth and Deception | Children of God

Icebreaker: Thinking about your childhood, what was a benefit of being a child in your family? OR What benefits do your kids have from being in your family?

In this passage, we will consider the benefits of being children of God.

Read 1 John 2:28–3:3

- (2:28) What does it mean to abide in Jesus? Why does abiding in him make a difference between confidence and shame when he appears?
- (2:29) How would you describe what it looks like to practice righteousness? Why is it necessary to be born of him to practice righteousness?
- (3:1–3) What do we learn about what it means to be a child of God?
- (3:1) John strongly emphasizes our status as God’s children in 3:1 with the exclamatory “See” and the emphasis at the end, “and so we are.” Why is being a child of God such a radical reality? How should this fact change you?
- (3:1) What does it mean that the world does not know us? How do you see this demonstrated in our world?
- (3:2) Why does seeing Jesus as he truly is cause us to become like him? What does that say about why we are often not like him now?
- (3:3) What does it mean to hope in Jesus? What does it mean to purify ourselves? Why ought hoping in Jesus motivate us to purify ourselves?

Read 1 John 3:4–10

- “The false teachers seem to have held that knowledge was all-important and that conduct was a minor matter.” (New Bible Commentary) How does this help us understand John’s emphasis on the practice of sin and the practice of righteousness?
- How is sin lawlessness? If someone’s life is characterized by sin, what is that evidence of?
- What is the difference between someone who commits a sin and someone who “makes a practice of sinning” (ESV) or “keeps on sinning” (ESV and NIV)?
- What is happening inside someone who keeps on sinning? How does this differ from what is happening in someone who abides in Jesus?
- Why can those who abide in Jesus have hope regarding our sin? (see v.5, 8, 9)
- How have you seen God rescue you from sin? How does this give you hope for the future?

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