

## BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

**In preparation for Sunday, October 10, 2021**

**Passage: 1 John 3:4-10**

Memory Passage: 1 John 3:8-9

### **DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

### **READ THE PASSAGE**

(a) **Read 1 John 3:4-10.** Spend today examining and making notes on the grammar and structure of vs. 4-10. Read through the passage several times as you look for repeated words/phrases, repeated or expanded concepts, similarities between the first section (vs. 4-7) and the second section (vs. 8-10), comparisons or contrasts, etc.

### **DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

### **READ THE PASSAGE**

(a) **Read 1 John 3:4-10.** Verse 4 translated literally reads: “Everyone who does sin also does lawlessness. Sin is lawlessness.” The Greek word translated “lawlessness” is *anomia* (anomia; nomia = law, a = alpha privative, so “unlaw” or “no law,” hence “lawlessness.”). It is used over 200 times in the Greek NT and 16 times in the NT and never used of simply violating Mosaic Law. It refers to the rebellion toward and hatred of the law and its giver; of those who are enemies of God and Christ. Read the following passages and note how this word is used, then explain what John says in 1 John 3:4—Lev. 26:43; Matt. 7:23; 13:41; 23:28; Rom. 4:7; 6:19; 2 Cor. 6:14; 2 Thess. 2:3, 7; Tit. 2:14; Heb. 1:9 8:12; 10:17).

### **DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

### **READ THE PASSAGE**

(a) **Read 1 John 3:4-10.** What two facts do John’s readers “know” (v. 5), and why are they important?

(b) Explain the contrast presented in v. 6. How do vs. 4-6 relate to each other?

(c) In what way are John’s readers being deceived according to v. 7?

(d) Explain how v. 8 expands and clarifies vs. 5 & 6b?

### **DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

### **READ THE PASSAGE**

(a) **Read 1 John 3:4-10.** What are “the works of the devil,” and how did Jesus “destroy” them? Is this destruction merely in the past, or does Jesus and will Jesus continue to destroy these works? Explain.

(b) What or who is “God’s (lit. “his”) seed” and how is having God’s seed abide in oneself related to being born again?

(c) Explain the relationship (“because” in v. 9) between not sinning and being born of God.

(d) Verse 10 summarizes what has come before and prepares for what lies ahead. What two primary characteristics mark people as being children of the devil rather than children of God?

**DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

**READ THE PASSAGE**

(a) **Read 1 John 3:4-10.** Examine your life in light of 1 John 2:28-3:10. Does your life resemble a child of God or of Satan?

(b) What tensions do you find in 1 John 3:4-10? Has John contradicted himself? Why or why not? What questions do you have about this passage? Be ready to discuss these during your Sunday school class.

(c) In what areas of your life are you practicing unrighteousness? In what ways will you intentionally purify yourself and practice righteousness today?

(d) Has this week's study shaken your assurance of your salvation? Explain. What verses have you already learned in 1 John that would restore your assurance and grow your passion for practicing righteousness?

(e) Write down all the benefits of being adopted by God, being born of God, being a child of God, and abiding in God. Meditate upon these benefits, asking God to encourage you to live according to who you are in Christ rather than who you used to be as a child of the devil.

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*Who's Your Father?*