

Love Made New
Do the Right Thing Discussion Questions
1 John 3:4-10
July 3

4Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. 5You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. 6No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. 7Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. 8Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. 9No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. 10By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother. 1 John 3:4-10

Sin is Lawlessness

1. Discuss what it means to have a standard. What happens when we use the wrong standard?
2. In 1 John 3:4 John relates sin to lawlessness, or violating the Law of God. What kind of standard does the Law set for mankind? Discuss why the Law is important.
3. Discuss why the Law can only convict and condemn and cannot save. Use Romans 7:7-13 as a guide. Why is this vital knowledge for a Christian?

What's in Your Heart?

4. At Grace Family we ask the question "What are you becoming?" According to 1 John 3:5-9, there will be an undeniable change in a person who abides in Christ. Where is God working in you and what is God leading you to become as parts of your life, thoughts, and beliefs come into alignment with God's Kingdom?
5. Pastor Roger discussed those who experience the fast track of change and those who experience the slow track of change. He gave the examples of Paul (fast track) and Nicodemus (slow track). Discuss these examples and how your life resembles either or both.

Righteousness and Love

6. In 1 John 3:10 John says that "it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil." Discuss what it means that it will be evident.
7. In saying that it will "evident" there is an assumption of discernment and right judgment. Discuss what it means to "make a right judgment" using Matthew 7:1-5 and John 7:24 as guides.
8. Discuss why it is important that in the end, a Christian will ultimately do the right thing, even if they have made mistakes along the way. Use Matthew 18:15-20 as a guide.