



BIG IDEA

John tells us that true believers walk the Christian walk. They fight sin. They know they have an Advocate who pleads their case when they confess their sins. And they know that Jesus' sacrifice satisfied God's wrath on their behalf. Disciples know God, and the evidence of this is their love for him which visibly displays itself in their obedience to his commands. They know God, his truth, his Word, his Spirit, his Son. They know God's perfect love, and that changes how they live.

THOUGHTS FROM THE SERMON

1. What stood out to you in this week's sermon? What were your biggest takeaways?

Read: 1 John 2:1-6

2. Why is having knowledge of the Christian faith, the Bible, and details of Jesus's life, death, and resurrection not enough? How does a true disciple's knowledge change how they live?

Read: 1 John 2:1-2, 1 John 1:8-10

3. What is God's people's plan of action for defeating sin and living for him?
4. How is Jesus our Advocate when we sin? What does it mean that Jesus is the propitiation for our sins? How should we live our lives in light of these truths?

Read: 1 John 2:3-5a, 1 John 2:4, John 14:6, John 14:16-17, John 17:17, 1 John 2:3-5b-6

5. Can you be confident you are a Christian? How does a heartfelt desire to follow God's commandments separate believers from pretenders? How can we test our faith?
6. In what way does your life change when you have the truth of the Word of God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit in you?
7. How do disciples display love perfected? How are obedience and love for God inseparably linked?
8. As disciples, how are we to imitate Christ? What does it look like to walk like him, to live for him, and to follow him?
9. Does your life reflect or imitate Christ to where you can confidently say follow me as I follow Christ?

NOTES

PERSONAL REFLECTION AND APPLICATION

1. What has God shown you as you studied his word this week?
2. Why is there such value in reading and understanding the scriptures we looked at this week?
3. What points in the message encouraged you and gave you hope?
4. How will you personally apply what you learned from the sermon to your life?
5. How is your living proving or disproving what you say you believe?

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Pray: We would get an opportunity to share the good news of the Gospel and the joy that is found in Jesus with someone this week.

Read: 1 John 2:1-6, 1 John 1:8-10, John 14:6, John 14:16-17, John 17:17. Take time to reflect on these passages and write down your thoughts. Visit gatewayepc.org/news to read and review the sermon manuscript.

Write: Take time to write down your thoughts and insights from the sermon this week. Keeping a journal is just one more tool that you can use to track what God is showing you in your walk with him.

Sing: Listen to the worship songs from Sunday throughout the week. Look up the lyrics to each song and spend some time reading them as well.

Memorize: As a Life Group, pick a few verses from the sermon and memorize them this week. (Check out the read section for options)

Love: Share this message of hope with someone you love.