

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

### A New Old Commandment (1 John #3)

Week of **Sept 23, 2018**

*While this Discussion Guide is intended for use in a Riverwood Growth Group, it can be used personally as well. To get the most from these questions, we suggest you take 10-15 minutes to read, think, and pray through this Guide before participating in your Growth Group. The point of this guide is to not just "get through the questions" (there's no quiz at the end!) but to pursue Jesus and grow spiritually.*

### ICEBREAKER (Optional)

What is one movie, book (other than the Bible), or song that you could watch, read, or listen to repeatedly?

### DISCUSSION

**Read 1 John 2:15-17**

1. a. What are some examples of "the desires of the flesh, desires of the eyes, and pride in possessions?"  
  
b. Why does John warn against these things?

**Read 1 John 2:3-11.** *Feel free to split it up among a couple of readers.*

2. Up to this point in his letter, John has been talking a lot about Jesus and the gospel. He seems to want his readers to not just know *about* Jesus, but to truly know Him. What evidence does John say should exist if we truly know Christ?



3. a. One of the words John repeated in this week's passage is "commandment." What is this commandment to which he is referring?  
  
b. Why does John call this commandment old? (v. 7)  
  
c. Why does John call this commandment new? (v. 8)
4. What does it look like to "walk in the same way in which [Jesus] walked?" (v. 6)

### MAKING IT PERSONAL

5. What is one way God is calling you to "love your brother" (v. 10) this week?

### MEMORY VERSE

*Whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.*  
(1 John 1:6)

### PRAYER

*Close in prayer by praying for the person on your left.*

