

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

### Act Like a Child

Week of Oct 14, 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)

When you were a child, what did you dream of doing as a job when you grew up?

### DISCUSSION

Read 1 John 2:28–3:10

1. John uses "family" language (God is a Father, we are His children, and we are to love other Jesus-followers as brothers and sisters) throughout this passage. Why do you think John emphasizes these family relationships?
2. a. In 3:3, John says Jesus is "pure." What does he mean by "pure"? Why is this important for John to mention?  
  
b. In the same verse, John says those who hope in Jesus will be purified. What does this mean?



3. What do you find surprising, helpful, or confusing about the differences between the actions of someone considered part of God's family and those of someone associated with the devil?
4. Where do you see the Gospel in these verses? (Highlight both truths of the gospel and what verse it is in.)

### MAKING IT PERSONAL

5. In the message on Sunday, Erin talked a lot about how your identity affects your behavior. What do you need to do (or not do) to let your identity be *in Christ* so you can "practice righteousness".

### MEMORY VERSE

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. (1 John 3:1a)

### PRAYER

Close in prayer by praying for the person on your right.

