

## Discussion Guide: July 5, 2026

**Series: No Doubt**

**Message: *Abiding in Christ***

**Take Home Truth:** Those who truly live in Christ will also go on to live more increasingly like Christ.

### Focus Passage (ESV)

#### 1 John 2:28-3:6

*<sup>28</sup> And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming. <sup>29</sup> If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him. <sup>1</sup> See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. <sup>4</sup> Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup> You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup> No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him.*

### Discussion Questions

1. What does it mean to say that those who believe in Christ are born of him? What difference does this make in a person's life?
2. Why is it important for true believers in Christ to be committed to lives of holiness and righteousness? Discuss as many reasons as you are able to identify.
3. What would you say are the differences between a true Christian who sins and a non-Christian who sins?
4. How might someone who is a true Christian but regularly struggles with sinful desires, thoughts, and behaviours overcome these sinful tendencies?

**Time of Prayer:** Take a few minutes to talk to God about your personal struggles with sin and ask for his mercy to cover your sins and his grace to conquer them in due season.