



HTC SMALL GROUP

Discussion Questions

Sermon Title: A LAVISH KIND OF LOVE

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Scripture: 1 JOHN 3:1-10

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Share some Thanksgiving stories with your group. Most helpings? Largest group? Longest nap?

READ 1 John 3:1-10

1. **Verse 1 describes God's love for His children as "great" and "lavish."** Have you found this to be true? Share some examples.
2. In what way is a Christian not known by the world? What should a Christian expect as a result of the world not knowing him or her?
3. When you think of being made like Jesus, what changes do you look forward to?
4. Reread verse 3. What hope is being spoken of? Why does it bring purity?
5. Why did Jesus appear? **What should this mean for those who "know" Him?**
6. Based on this passage, how do we tell the difference between someone who is a child of God and a child of the devil?
7. **Verse 9 uses the phrase, "because God's seed remains in him."** What does this mean?
8. If a Christian were to read verse 9 and conclude that because they still sin, they must not really be a Christian, what would you say?
9. We know that some professing Christians spend a lifetime struggling against certain sins (i.e. greed, gossip, lust, gluttony, drunkenness, swearing, pornography, etc.). What is the difference between how a true Christian will respond to sin compared to a false Christian? See 1 John 1:9.
10. According to this passage, whose behalf are you acting upon when you sin? How might this shape your outlook on sin?
11. **How might this passage harm someone's confidence in their salvation?** How does 1 John 5:13 help?
12. What does Galatians 6:1 teach about how we are to help brothers and sisters caught in sin?