

APPLICATION

- Have you been born of God? Are you living in Him or in sin? What do you need to turn away from so you can seek God and know Him more?
- In what area does your lifestyle not back up your belief? How are you going to apply what we discussed today?
- Do you believe you can be free from living in sin, so that you will honor God with your life? How can you begin living this out this week?

PRAYER

- Thank God for His divine plan to save you and make you righteous. Pray that as each day passes, you would go deeper in your understanding of what Jesus did for you on the cross.
- Repent of anything you've been involved with that is displeasing to God. Ask Him to help you turn away from sin and walk with Him in victory.
- Pray that your identity will be based on what God thinks about you and that this will change how you live. Pray also that you will make Christ known wherever you go.



WEEK 2

Living in Righteousness

NOTES

WARM-UP

- Recall an instance when you thought you were right but you were actually wrong. What happened?
- Tell us about one of your hobbies or interests, which you enjoy doing regularly. Why do you like doing it so much?
- What's one thing your parents reprimanded you for when you were a child? How did your habit/s eventually change?

WORD

If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of him. 1 JOHN 2:29

In his letter, the Apostle John wanted believers to understand that what we believe directly correlates with our actions. In other words, how we live—not just what we say—reflects what we really believe. Because God is righteous (in Him is no error, sin, or wrongdoing), and if we claim to be His children, we will also do what is right. In this lesson, we will look at three truths from 1 John 3 about living in righteousness.

1 People who practice sin do not know God.

No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him. 1 JOHN 3:6

John teaches that those who know God live differently—because it’s just not possible to know God and deliberately keep on sinning. As we pursue a relationship with God, we will leave our life of sin. Share about how you turned away from a lifestyle of sin because you encountered God.

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2 Christ destroyed the power of sin.

⁵But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. ⁸. . . The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work.

1 JOHN 3:5,8

We have all sinned and as such, cannot be righteous by our own effort (Romans 3:10). We are incapable of doing what is right and perfectly follow God. Left to ourselves, we will stay in our sin. Knowing this, God sent His Son to free us from sin and destroy the devil’s work. How has knowing Christ destroyed the power of sin in your life?

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3 People who are born of God will not practice sin.

No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God’s seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God. 1 JOHN 3:9

John says that if we have truly known God and been born of Him, we cannot go on sinning. This is because we now know who we are in Christ and He lives in us. Why can we stop sinning? According to 1 John 3:2,3, what is our motivation to live righteously and purify ourselves?

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