

notes from small group

prayer requests

SMALL GROUP

— *study guide* —



For sermon on
Sunday, February 23, 2020

**Sure Thing: Testing the Genuineness
of Your Relationship with God**

Genuine Change

1 John 2:7-14

group discussion questions

1. What is the main point from Scripture as it was taught on Sunday?
2. Are there any Study Questions from this week that you want to discuss?
3. What difference should this Scripture make in our lives today?
4. How does God want your personal beliefs and actions to change based on this Scripture?
5. How can you plan to accomplish this change with God's grace this week? What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

personal study questions

Read: 1 John 2:7-14

What is the “commandment” that John refers to in this section? What other verses in the Bible give us insight into John’s meaning?

(Hint: consider the Gospel of John)

In what ways is the command to love an “old commandment”? In what ways is the command to love a new commandment?

Why is “love” a primary distinguishing mark of a genuine believer? Why is love among followers of Jesus important to God?

In what ways is “the darkness passing away”? How is this an encouragement to you as a follower of Jesus?

In what ways is the true light “already shining”? How is this an encouragement to you as a follower of Jesus?

What indications would a person have that they genuinely love his/her brother? What does love look like?

What indications would a person have that they hate his/her brother? What does hatred look like?

Why is hatred of a brother or sister in Christ such a strong temptation? How does the presence of Jesus strengthen us to overcome this temptation?

Why is “acting” like we love our brother or sister without actually loving them not enough?

If we discover that we are lacking in love toward our brother or sister, what Gospel responses might we have to help us?

Why do “children” need to know that their sins are forgiven? What spiritual attacks does the knowledge of our forgiveness protect us from?

Why do young men need to be encouraged that in Christ they are “strong” and have “overcome the evil one”? What roles and responsibilities do young men and women have in the church that requires them to have spiritual strength?