

notes from small group

prayer requests

# SMALL GROUP

— *study guide* —



For sermon on  
**Sunday, March 15, 2020**

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

*Genuine Identity*  
**1 John 2:28-3:3**

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 2:18-27*

LOOK (OBSERVE—WHAT DOES IT SAY?)

What command does John give his readers in verse 28 (2:28)?

Why does John command his readers to “abide in him” (2:28)?

Of what can you be sure of everyone who practices righteousness (2:29)?

What one-word command does John give his readers in chapter 3, verse 1 (3:1)?

What term does John use to describe the one who has given His love (3:1)?

What does John claim to be called (3:1)?

When does John claim that they are children of God (3:2)?

What does John say about what children of God will be (3:2)?

What will happen “when he appears” and why (3:2)?

What does everyone who “hopes in him” do (3:3)?

THINK (INTERPRET—WHAT DOES IT MEAN?)

In whom are we to “abide” and what does it mean to “abide in him” (2:28)?

When will “his coming” take place (2:28)?

What does it mean to “practice righteousness” (2:29)?

What does it mean to be “born of him” (2:29, 3:1)?

How does one “see what kind of love the Father has given” (3:1)?

Is there a difference between when John says that we “called children of God” and that “we are” children of God (3:1)?

What does John mean the “we are God’s children now” (3:2)?

In what way will we “be like him” and why does seeing him “as he is” cause that change (3:2)?

What does it mean hope “in him” and what does it mean to purify oneself (3:3)?

DO (APPLY—WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR ME?)

Where are you tempted to look for meaning, strength, and purpose outside of Christ?

What affections/actions might you be ashamed of or proud of at His coming?

Give some reasons why God’s love in Christ is unrivaled. What is it that makes the beauty of God’s love so clear to some and not clear to others?

In what ways are you tempted to try to fit in with the world at the cost of being associated with Christ? Are there ways you have been rejected by the world?

How does new identity in Christ and hope in a future destiny affect your life now? How do you draw near to Christ while you await His coming?

What would evidence of purity look like in our lives?