

# HOME GROUPS

Questions for **1 John 3:1-10** “*True Followers of Christ Practice Righteousness*”  
Week of July 11<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**Warm Up:** What was the memorable summer vacation you ever went on?

- Read **1 John 3:1-10** aloud. On Sunday, Pastor Dale asked us to define “saving faith” in light of these verses as well as **James 2:14**. Do this again as a group and discuss your thoughts.
  - Is a “profession of faith” enough to demonstrate legitimate faith? (see **1 John 2:3-4**)
  
- One of the points on Sunday was that true followers of Jesus Christ will be motivated by God’s *peculiar love* (**1 John 3:1-3**). What does this mean exactly?
  - Do you agree that only a person who knows God through Christ can fully appreciate what it means to be called a child of God?
  
- What seems to be the *best* explanation of the difficult to interpret words regarding sin in **1 John 3:6**? Where else would you go in Scripture to support your answer?
  
- What is Jesus instructing in **John 20:21-23**? Refer also to **2 Corinthians 5:18-20** and discuss what our role as Christians seems to be with respect to these passages? How does this challenge you personally?
  
- John seems to see the destruction and subversive nature of sin far more clearly than many do today (see **v.7-10**). Do you believe there is a balance in seeing the world as “black and white” versus any other view? Explain your thoughts.

**Wrap Up:** Pray for receptive hearts toward the promptings of the Holy Spirit this week. How can you more fully embrace God’s “peculiar” love and respond in obedience this coming week?