

Community group questions
1 John 3:4-10

Opening question: Share a time growing up when a rule was clearly given, and you chose to go against it and why you did.

Scripture study

- Read 1 John 3:4. What comes to your mind when you think of lawlessness? In what way, is all sin lawlessness? How do these verses help to broaden our understanding of sin: Romans 3:23, 14:23; James 2:8-11, 4:17; Luke 6:43-45? How is a healthy view of sin critical to our accepting of Christ and growing in Him?

- Read 1 John 3:5-6. What does verse 5 teach us about God's solution to the problem of sin (see also 2 Corinthians 5:21)? What are the challenges to understanding verse 6? How does what John said earlier in 1 John 1:8-2:1, give us some insight to understanding verse 6? What is a healthy view of a believer towards sin?

- Read 1 John 3:7-8. How do we see John painting only in black and white? Read John 8:31-38, 42-44. Make several observations of Jesus' words to what John says in verses 7-8. What difference does it make that Jesus destroyed the devil's work to our day to day battle with sin?

- Read 1 John 3:9-10. What is different between a Christian that sins and a non-Christian (be specific)? What are some words to describe what happens in those born of God when they sin? Why is it so challenging to leave sinful habits and receive the abundant life God has for us? What is our part in cooperating with the victory God has given us in Christ?