

## **Dig Deeper @Home – Imitate What is Good**

Complement to sermon on 4/24/2022 – “Keep the Truth”

### **MEMORIZE**

“We love because God first loved us” (1<sup>st</sup> John 4:19)

### **READ**

Read 1 John

### **Questions to ponder/discuss (1&2 are great for all, 3-8 for deeper study)**

1. What is this passage revealing about God and what is it revealing about humanity?
2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life? What will that look like?
3. What is John’s definition of sin and how are we supposed to respond to sin, our own and others?
4. People say a lot of things about God, how do you decide who to listen to? What tests does John give for knowing what preachers and teachers to follow?
5. When have you gotten sucked into conflict and divisions that made it difficult for you to love those you disagreed with? What helped you come through that and see things differently?
6. What fake gods do you see around us that tempt us to refuse to help those in need, treat those we disagree with as less than us, or even hate other people?
7. What is the path of love that Jesus is calling you to walk today? Who will you treat differently this week because of the teaching of John?
8. Read again 1st John 1: 8-10. What is John calling us to do? What keeps us from living this out? How will you live these verses out today? How will you practice these verses moving forward?

## Experiential

Sometimes activities help us to understand and process biblical truths. The below are suggestions for how to experience the truths of 1<sup>st</sup> John 3: 1-10. Feel free to use them or any you might come up with.

### Mission Impossible (but you are going to love trying)

1. Write a number 6 while moving your foot clockwise.
  - a. Pick up your right foot (left if you are left handed) off the ground and move it circularly clockwise. While moving your foot write the number 6.
2. Lick your own elbow
  - a. That's really all there is to it. Try licking your elbow.
3. Wall lean
  - a. Stand sideways against the wall (right or left you choose). Make sure your foot and shoulder are touching the wall. Now try to lift your outside foot without letting your shoulder off the wall.

What is the point: 1<sup>st</sup> John is basically saying that those who are children of God will have as difficult of a time willfully remaining in sin as these activities were to complete.

**SING** (a suggested song to sing. Use this or any song you might be compelled to sing)

**King of Kings** – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7OnfQpZr030>

**In Christ Alone** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rn9-UNer6MQ>

**O Praise the Name (Anastasis)** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k1mHJYjFUx4>

**Christ the Lord is Risen Today**– <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cErtpg5hBSw>

**Mennonite Hymnal - #179**

## PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and praise reports. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to show up in our lives.

### Sending prayer based on the lesson:

Father God, thank you for your great love. That through Jesus Christ, your son, we too can be called your children. Help us to act and think with that as our primary identity as we go from here.