

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS
PROOF | The New Life | I John 2:3-6

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QUICK REVIEW

1. What stood out in your mind regarding Sunday's sermon? Did anything come up this week that made you think of the message or give you a way to apply it?

MIXER

2. How do you know when God is speaking to you in making decisions or choices?

MY STORY

3. Read 1 John 2:3-6. John says an evidence of knowing God is keeping His commands. Further, keeping His word has the effect of growing the love of God in a person. What does it mean to "keep God's word"? Have you known people who claim to be Christian and their lives don't line up with their claim? How did you deal with them? Should you have done something differently?

DIGGING DEEPER

4. What does it look like when the love of God is completed in me (vv.5-6)?
5. Read vv. 7-8. The new commandment John refers to is presumably what Jesus said in John 13:34 (also see 1 John 2:6). How is this command different (and higher) than the Old Testament command in Leviticus 19:18 to "love your neighbor as yourself"? What are the characteristics of this kind of love?
6. Read vv. 9-11. John gets more specific by saying you are in darkness and walk in the darkness if you hate a fellow Christian. What does it mean to hate? Verse 11 (walk) implies that hating your brother involves action. Is this true? Why?
7. How does this hatred, animosity, or disdain toward others affect our relationship with God?

TAKING IT HOME (APPLICATION)

8. Have you examined your relationship with God based on your obedience to His Word? In what areas of your life are you strong and where are you weak?
9. Have you held a grudge or had animosity or even indifference against another believer? What should you do about it?

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- I. God's word **equips** us to fight sin. Rom 6:17-19

- II. God **knows** our struggles. Rom 7:15-20;
Gal 5:16-24;
Pr 7:17; Ps 46:1

- III. God **had a plan** all along. I Pet 2:24; Gal 5:1

- IV. Obedience is **evidence** of our new life. I John 2:3; Lk 6:44-45

A. Confessions of the **disobedient**.

B. **Maturity** comes through obedience.

C. **Fellowship** reflects conformity. Jn 15:4-5

Fill-ins: equips; knows; had; plan; evidence; disobedient; Maturity; Fellowship