

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

1 JOHN SERIES

These questions are for the **February 12, 2017** sermon, "The Advocate." Please read the sermon passage (1 John 2:1-2) together out loud.

Sermon Outline:

OUR LORD IS . . .

1. **Our Advocate with the Father. (1)**
 - A. It is certain that we have sinned ("missed the mark"), yet John handles the situation gently: "My little children . . ."
 - B. We have protection provided by our loving heavenly Father:
 - i. An Advocate in heaven, Christ Jesus (v. 1)
 - ii. An Advocate on earth, the Holy Spirit (John 14:16)
 - C. Our guilt is certain and fully exposed.
 - i. The judge, God the Father knows you are guilty.
 - ii. The defender, Jesus Christ, knows you are guilty.
 - iii. The defendant, you, know that you are guilty.
2. **Jesus Christ, the Righteous. (1)**
 - A. Jesus means, "Yahweh saves."
 - B. Christ means, "Anointed One," or "Messiah."
 - C. Righteous means, completely right and without sin. Consider Acts 4:12.
3. **The propitiation for our sins. (2)**
 - A. Jesus has satisfies the demands of God's justice. For guilty sinners.
 - B. Jesus appeases God's holy wrath against sin. For guilty sinners.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: John deals with a very heavy topic: the certainty that all have sinned, but he deals with it gently. What are your fears and insecurities about your sins? Past? Present? Future? How does having an Advocate in heaven encourage you to hope and obey?
2. Based on #1, above: Everyone knows you are guilty. In your closest relationships, do you admit your guilt? Or do you still defend yourself?
3. Based on #2, above: No one could defend you but one who was human and who has fulfilled the demands of the law. Only one who has ever lived is righteous. Discuss the exclusive position of Jesus Christ, the Righteous. How can you best enter into conversations with friends who are not believers about the uniqueness of Christ's righteousness? Who has God placed in your life that might be ready to discuss Jesus with you?
4. Based on #3, above: If God allowed guilty people to live he would be a liar (Romans 6:23). That's why Jesus' willingness to take our punishment on himself is so significant. He paid your sin debt so you could be judged, "righteous." Discuss the love of the Father and the Son for you.