

## LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

## 1 JOHN SERIES

These questions are for the **February 19, 2017** sermon, "Keepers of the Word." Please read the sermon passage (1 John 2:3-6) together out loud. You may want to read 1 John 2:1-6.

### Sermon Outline:

AS YOU PROFESS TO KNOW GOD, NOTE . . .

1. **The test God sets for us. (3)**
  - A. Christ is our only means of forgiveness and righteousness.
  - B. To "know" God is relinquish our lives to him.
    - i. It is not enough to know true things about Jesus Christ.
    - ii. We can know for sure that we have come to know him.
  - C. As you trust Christ, obedience then becomes the assurance that you know him.
  - D. We measure our own love for Christ by our obedience to his commandments.
2. **The assurance God provides for us. (4-5)**
  - A. Whoever says, "I know him," but does not keep his commands, is a liar.
  - B. The one who trusts Christ and keeps his commands, in that person the love of God has been perfected. That is the goal of God's love.
3. **The example God gives us. (6)**
  - A. Jesus is our example. He is walking "ahead of us" (Mark 10:32).
  - B. The definition of "salvation" is "knowing God" (John 17:3).

### Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: The work of Christ is our only grounds for forgiveness. The Apostle John is ever reminding us that salvation has been accomplished by Jesus. Tell us about the moment in your relationship with God when you stopped trying to earn his favor with your good works.
2. Based on #1, above: Apply this "test" to yourself: as you measure your obedience in attitude, purity and self-control (to name just a couple of examples), what does your obedience reveal about your love for God? Is your love measurable? Is it growing?
3. Based on #2, above: No one can follow Jesus without obeying his commands. How does "faith in Jesus" + "growing obedience" produce a deep sense of "knowing for sure that you have come to know him" in your life? How does the security of that assurance minister to your heart?
4. Based on #3, above: Jesus is our example. We see that he walked just "ahead of us." Jesus gave us an example of denying rights in favor of responsibilities (Philippians 2), denying his own will in favor of doing his Father's will (John 8:28-29, for instance) and even enduring the cross (Hebrews 12:2). He gave his life because it accomplished the Father's will. Discuss Jesus' complete surrender to the will of his Father. What are you learning from Jesus?