

## LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

## 1 JOHN SERIES

These questions are for the **July 23, 2017** sermon, "The Overcomers." Please read the sermon passage (1 John 5:1-5) together out loud.

BECAUSE OF THE NEW BIRTH, CHRISTIANS ARE OVERCOMERS BY . . .

1. The love God expects from us (1-2)
  - a. Those who are born again constantly trust (believe) that Jesus is the Son of God.
  - b. When we are born again we will
    - i. love the Father, who loved us first.
    - ii. love all of the Father's people (love those who love Him).
  - c. The best way for us to show God's love is to obey his commandments.
2. The obedience God requires of us (3)
  - a. The depth of our love for God is reflected by the extent of our obedience to God.
  - b. The commandments of Jesus Christ are not burdensome to those who love him.
3. The faith God instills in us (1a, 4-5)
  - a. Believe that Jesus is the Christ; believe that Jesus is the Son of God (see John 20:31)
  - b. We are victorious conquerors because
    - i. we are born again (born of God)
    - ii. we have an active faith in Jesus Christ
    - iii. Jesus has victoriously overcome

### Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: Believers love other believers, without distinction. We love Christians who have hurt us, who look different from us, who have other different political opinions and who seem to emphasize things that we do not emphasize. How are you doing in the discipline of loving other believers without distinction?
2. Based on #2, above: Your love of God can be measured in the extent of your obedience to God. How are you doing in your progression of obedience to God? Which commandments of Jesus Christ are easiest for you to obey? Which are most difficult? How can we pray for you?
3. Based on #3, above: Would you say that your life is characterized by "victorious conquering"? Those born of God are victorious conquerors. Those with an active faith are victorious conquerors--simply because Jesus has already victoriously conquered. Where do you feel defeated?
4. Based on #3, above: How can we encourage one another to believe, take to heart and live in the reality of Christ's ultimate victory?