

Applying It In My LifeGroup time - 15 minutes

1. What would it look like in your life to have your hope fully fixed on being like Jesus when He appears? How do you need to adjust your desires?
2. Habitual, unrepentant sin is an evidence of not knowing God or being his child – however, we know that even children of God struggle with sin. How can you endeavor to keep from having your sin become your preferred way of life?
3. How can you make righteousness a “practice”? How do you need to rely upon God in order to do so?

Psalm 11:4-5,7

⁴ *The LORD is in His holy temple;
the LORD's throne is in heaven;*

His eyes see, His eyelids test the children of man.

⁵ *The LORD tests the righteous,
but His soul hates the wicked and the one who loves violence.*

⁷ *For the LORD is righteous,
He loves righteous deeds;
the upright shall behold His face.*

Prayer TimeGroup time - 15 minutes

Lord, we know that it is by your mercy and grace that we have come to recognize our sin, repent and be forgiven by the blood of Jesus' sacrifice. Help us to continually fight against any complacency that would see us surrender to sin, and instead fuel us with the hope of perfection upon meeting the risen Lord Jesus.

Jesus is the Best!

1 John 2:28-3:10

Why did Jesus come to Earth?

1. *Jesus came to*

2. *Jesus came to*

3. *Jesus came to*

GROWTH GROUP HOMEWORK

Week of May 28, 2017

Getting StartedGroup time - 20 minutes

1. If you could meet anyone (not from the Bible), dead or living, who would it be and why? How would meeting them affect you?
2. What is your favorite thing to “practice”? How often do you do it? How does it make a difference on who you are?

FOR GROWTH GROUP TIME

Getting Into God’s WordGroup time - 40 minutes

Read 1 John 2:28-29

1. What gives us confidence in the face of Christ’s coming? What is a sign of belonging to Christ?

Read 1 John 3:1-3

2. How has God, the Father, shown us love? Why don’t we then perfectly act as God’s children? Should we then give up trying?

3. What do you think it will mean to be like Christ?

Read also: 1 Corinthians 15:42-29; Ephesians 4:24; Philippians 3:21

Read 1 John 3:4-6

4. What is the difference between sinning and “making a practice of sinning”? How do these differences help us to know our position before God? Read also: 1 John 1:8,10

PERSONAL: Are there any areas where you are still “making a practice of sinning”? Areas where you love your sin and do not want to change your ways? Confess and ask God to change your desires.

Read 1 John 3:7-10

5. What reason for Jesus’ coming does John point out? How does this give further reason for us not to habitually sin? What other reason does John give?

6. In verse 10, what is John’s example of a righteous practice?

Re-read 1 John 2:29; 3:2-3,9

7. Why does a child of God do what is right and constantly purify him or herself from sin?