



LIFELINE Discussion Guide

Week of February 13, 2023

1. Read 1 John 2:1-6. The Apostle John addressed the Christians he wrote to as “*My little children...*” These people weren’t little kids, but full-grown adults. How do you explain this type of greeting? What are some “terms of endearment” that you’ve heard from parents or grand-parents as they spoke to children or grandchildren?
2. Pastor Ryan explained that all Christians experience a unique “tension”. We still live in the flesh so we’re going to battle against sin. But through Christ we have the power to choose holiness and godly living (see Romans 6:12-14). According to verse 1, what is John’s desire for his readers?
3. Look at verses 1-2 again. Explain the words “*Advocate*” and “*propitiation*” in your own words. Don’t be afraid to use Study Bible notes or even Google to help with the answers. How do these words relate to the person and performance of Jesus for us?
4. Did Jesus only die for Jewish people? Did He only die for people who lived in the first century? What is the answer according to verse 2? (see also Revelation 5:9-10) How does this truth give you confidence in sharing the good news of Jesus?
5. Make a list of the things that people often point to when they assert that they are a Christian: (examples: *church attendance, own a Bible, baptized as an infant*)
6. Have some of your group members read the following verses: *John 14:15 & John 14:21*. Compare what Jesus says in these verses to what John writes in 1 John 2:4-6. What is the ultimate evidence that proves a person genuinely knows Jesus?
7. Some Christians struggle with an “assurance” of their salvation. They lack confidence and have doubts about their relationship with Jesus. If a friend confided in you that she is unsure of her salvation, what truths would you share with her from this section of 1 John? How might she “know” for sure? (see also John 5:24; 1 John 5:13)