

## LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

## 1 JOHN SERIES

These questions are for the **March 12, 2017** sermon, "Intentional Assurance." Please read the sermon passage (1 John 2:12-14) together out loud.

Sermon Outline

I AM WRITING TO YOU . . .

1. **Little children, because your sins are forgiven.**
  - a. *Note the Greek "perfect tense" used 6 times in this brief passage. The perfect tense emphasizes a "past action" that has a "continuing effect" in the present.*
  - b. The perfect tense verb here is "forgiven."
  - c. These "children" were forgiven in the past, and the effect was still felt in the present.
2. **Fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning.**
  - a. The perfect tense verb here is "know."
  - b. These "fathers" knew Christ, and the effect of that knowledge is still felt in the present.
3. **Young men, because you have overcome the evil one.**
  - a. The perfect tense verb here is "overcome," or "conquered."
  - b. These young men won the victory in the past (in Christ), and the result of that victory over the evil one is still felt in the present.
4. **Children, because you know the father.**
  - a. A different word for children. Not "begotten," but "under authority."
  - b. The perfect tense word here is "know."
5. **Fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning.**
6. **Young men, because you have overcome the evil one (as the Word abides in you).**

### Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: The forgiveness that comes in Jesus Christ ensures that past sins, present sins and future sins are completely paid for. In what way does this truth bring assurance to the heart of the true believer? Does this increase or decrease your drive to put sin to death? Why?
2. Based on #2, above: Your intimate relationship with God ("knowledge"), began in the past, and has present-day effects. How has your relationship with God--which started in the past--effected your life in the last 3 months? What about the last 3 days?
3. Based on #3, above: Satan is conquered. Christ has defeated him. Those who trust Christ have also overcome the evil one. Do you believe this? Do you have a habitual sin that it is time to overcome? Gossip? Separating people? Jealousy? Worry? Faithlessness? Covetousness? Lust? Do you believe that you have already overcome this sin in Jesus?
4. This passage is meant to provide assurance for true believers. Those who fly stand-by might get a ticket, but they might not. Those who have a ticket-in-hand have no doubts about boarding the plane. Do you have any doubts about your salvation? Why or why not?