

Life Group Questions – March 4, 2018

Being Certain – Part 3 – The Moral Test

1. When you sin do you tend to be really down on yourself and have trouble accepting forgiveness, feeling unworthy? Or do you excuse yourself, thinking everyone sins and God is kind and compassionate and forgiving? How do you think your upbringing or perception of God affects how you feel?

2. Read 1 John 2:1-6. What evidences are there in these verses that identify who is a genuine believer? Give some examples of what the practice of these have looked like in your life.

3. We might try to mask who we really are, but our true self will eventually leak out. Read 1 John 3:7. John says that we can be deceived into believing that we can be righteous without living righteously. How does who we really are show up externally in our lives?

4. God's grace is incredible. We are saved freely by placing faith in Jesus and his work on the cross for us without any effort of our own. John says that living a righteous life is required for true Christians (1 John 3:7). How might this be misunderstood and threaten the gospel of grace? How can we guard against that?

5. John wanted believers to have legitimate assurance of their right standing before God. What has given you assurance that you are a child of God? What causes you to struggle with assurance?