

## Home Group Questions

### The Obedience and love test – 1 John 2:1-14

The apostle John wrote to a group in churches in what is modern day Turkey. False teachers were saying that physical things were evil and spiritual things were good. This led to two dangerous errors:

- They would not believe that Jesus was the Son of God.
- They believed they could live, as they wanted because their bodies did not matter.

John insists on the real life and death of Jesus Christ – God in the flesh. And he says that sin matters, and how Christians live is equally important.

1. How do we know if someone is a genuine follower of Jesus Christ?

### Read 1 John 2:1-6

2. How should the fact of being a child of God affect our daily lives? (v1)
3. What encouragement do we have if we sin? (v1-2)
4. How should the fact of being a child of God affect our daily lives? (v1)
5. Why do you think John writes, “not only for ours, but also for the sins of the world”? (v2)

### Read 1 John 2:7-14

6. How do these verses help us assess someone who says: ‘I Know God’? (v3-6)
7. In what sense is the command to love one another an old and a new command? (v7-8)
8. Why does John make hatred or love toward other Christians the test of being a true Christian?
9. How can we use (v3-11) to challenge our own lives, and the lives of others about not being complacent about sin in our lives?
10. How might hatred towards another Christian manifest itself in our lives?