

# Southwest Life Groups

A Place to Belong...A Place to Transform

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**Focus:** To examine the role of sin and transformation in the life of a Christ follower.

## I John - Lesson #10 No Change?

**Introduction:** I was sitting down not too long ago with an atheist friend of mine and as our conversation turned spiritual, things got interesting. The conversation was spirited and yet filled with love. I knew, however, where we were going to end. With the statement I have heard over and over from him and others... "I am not a Christian today because of my interactions with other Christians."

- Examine what my friend means by this statement.
- How much truth is in what he is saying?
- Are we different than the world or do we just say we are different?

**Text: 1 John 3:4-9...** You can't read this week's text without remembering last week's...John was telling us again that we are God's beloved! We are loved without condition. Our motivation to follow Christ is that love!

- Read 1 John 3:1-9
- Explain the idea John presents here that a follower of Christ would not sin anymore.
- Define what you believe John is calling the "devils work."
- Decide what "God's seed" is in this text.
- How is a Christ follower expected to look different?
- What is the motivation for a Christ follower to look different?
- Other texts you might want to throw into the conversations...Galatians 2:20, 5:24, Romans 6:14

### Application:

- Do you look different than the world? Are you transforming?
- Turn to your spouse or good friend and ask them if they think you are.
- Examine how we sometime keep God on an intellectual level in our group.
- Share with us how the love God has for you has transformed you.