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COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

Reflective Questions for You and Your Small Group

Ice breaker: Go around the group and share something that was exciting and/or frustrating from your week.

1. As a group, to refresh your memory about the sermon this week, take a few minutes and try to summarize each main point using one or two sentences.
2. In the sermon this week we discussed the power we now have as those who have professed faith in Jesus, to push back against the sins of the world (i.e. the things that seek to draw us away from our devotion to God). How are you doing at this? Are there specific relationships/people, or areas of your life, or times in your week, when you are more tempted to give into sin? As a follow-up, we also talked about how the world will look at the ways in which we live and think it's foolishness. Have you experienced this as you've sought to live for God and not the world? If so how have you dealt with this?
3. In verses 6-10 we saw John seek to strengthen the faith of the believers by pointing them to the witness of history (the baptism of Jesus where the Father and Spirit confirmed the identity of Jesus, along with His sacrificial death on the cross), and the witness of the Holy Spirit (the revealer of truth who is the basis for our faith and who indwells those who have professed faith continually pointing them to Jesus). Even with this great testimony, sometimes it can feel like our faith is wavering. Do you ever feel this? Share with the group a time when you felt like your faith was wavering. How did you remain faithful during this time and seek to strengthen your faith through this period?
4. In the last sermon point, we talked about how those who profess faith in Jesus have been protected from the consequence of their sin, which is everlasting punishment, and instead have been granted everlasting life. How has this reality impacted how you live?