



# Sermon Discussion Guide

December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

*Use this discussion guide with your small group or by yourself, to dig into the text and theme of Sunday's message.*

**Key Point: Jesus was sent to help us fight sin.**

**Life Sharing: (answer one)**

1. What are some things or behaviors that most people would call evil?
2. What are some things or behaviors that most people would call good?

**Transition / Open in prayer**

3. What are some things that make believing in Jesus difficult?

**Life Examination:**

*READ John 8:42-51*

4. How would you answer the question Jesus asks in verse 43, why can't the people understand what Jesus is saying?
5. Why does Jesus say they belong to the devil?
6. What is the evidence that someone belongs to God?
7. Why is death avoided by obeying Jesus' teaching?

*READ 1 John 3:7-11*

8. What is the work of the devil? (vs. 8)
9. What does John mean when he says, "go on sinning" (vs. 9) – absolutely, habitually, deliberately, etc.?
10. How can we understand what John says in verse 10 when we compare it with 1 John 1:8?

**Life Application:**

11. What are the places or seasons where you feel closest to God?
12. What are some factors in life that might cause someone to feel distant from God?
13. What are the ways we can stand against the work of the devil? How can we stand together?
14. What are some things a person can do to face temptation without sin? If you had a friend who struggled with a certain temptation, what would you encourage them to do?

**Life Prayers:** Pray for one another and for our common struggle with sin.