

Specific Questions: Text: 1 John 2:1-6

1. John suggests that Christians aspire to live apart from sin. Is that an out-of-date notion, or something we should still pursue?
2. We have all seen movies in which someone charged with a crime is reluctant to tell their defense attorney the truth. Why might that be? Do you have that reluctance toward Jesus?
3. Review the elements applied to us through our Advocate (propitiation, forgiveness, cleansing). How do those impact you personally?
4. If a person is unclear about sin (what it is and what things are sin), how likely are they to benefit from the Advocate? Why does that matter?
5. Does every Christian “abide” in Christ? Do we all abide to the same degree? What makes the difference?
6. What are some ways you have encountered the work of the “accuser of the brethren”? How does abiding in the Advocate help with that?
7. How is your life changed after a conversation with the Advocate?

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

1. What new concept did you learn from this week’s text?
2. Is there anything in the text that you don’t understand?
3. How does this text challenge you to change? Is there anything standing in your way of making that change?