

**Specific Questions: Text: 1John 2:12-14**

1. 2:29 What are some resemblances between you and your parents (physical, abilities, mannerisms). What are some practices of righteousness that demonstrate we are born of God?
2. 2:3-4; 2:19; 3:10; 3:17-20. Read these verses. In what ways did those identified as not following Christ fail to practice righteousness?
3. In 2:29-3:2 John marvels at the reality of our spiritual birth and that we are children of God. How does that reality affect you?
4. John keeps coming back to the subject of Jesus appearing (e.g. 3:2). How often does that promise enter your thoughts? How does it shape your life?
5. John strongly cautions about deception expressed in statements such as “it doesn’t matter” or “no one’s perfect”. What are some examples of that which you have heard? How do you resist such deceptive influences?
6. What is the key concept John is stressing that helps us abide in Christ? How are you doing with that?

**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?