

Sermon Questions for Life Groups, Individuals, and Accountability Groups

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Our Advocate and His Propitiation and Expiation

1 John 2:1–2

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CONNECT:

- Have you observed someone, perhaps yourself, who has been defended well by an attorney? If so, would be willing to share the story with your Life Group?

GROW:

- Read 1 John 2:4, 11 and 1 John 3:9–10 where John sends out a very strong warning to those who claim to be Christians yet are nonchalant about sin. What message and tone comes across loud and clear from these verses of Scripture?
- Yet, in 1 John 2:1–2, John communicates to those who seek to turn from sin and follow Christ. How would you describe John's tone here as he addresses those who are engaged in the struggle against sin?
- How would you describe the difference between the two scenarios John addresses (1 John 3:9–10 and 1 John 2:1–2)? Which group do you find yourself in?
- What does an advocate do? How is Jesus an Advocate for those who are His (see also Luke 22:31–32; Romans 8:33–34; Hebrews 4:14–16)?
- How does Jesus being your Advocate make a difference in your life today (see Romans 8:35–39)? What would change for you if He were not in that role?
- Does God's righteous wrath against sin bother you? We know that even a human judge must hold a criminal accountable; how does this help you understand God's righteous, measured wrath against sin?
- What has Jesus done to appease God's righteous wrath (Psalm 75:8; Luke 22:41–44; John 19:18, 30; Romans 8:1)? How does this give you a picture of the intensity of God's love for those who are His?

GO:

- Who do you know who needs to hear that Jesus is their Advocate? How would you explain that to this person? Will you pray for an opportunity to share that with them?