



**Growth Groups
w/b 16th December 2018**

1 John 3:4-10

Context

- Who did John write this letter to? What sort of people is he writing to?
[1 John 5:13] (The letter is thought to be a circular letter that was sent to many churches.)
- What difficulties faced these churches? [1 John 2:18, 2:22, 2:26],
[1 John 2:15], [1 John 2:9-10]
- What is John concerned about in the passage that follows this one?
[1 John 3:11-12]

Characters

- Who is John addressing in [1 John 3:4]?
 - Within the context of the Bible, what is “lawlessness”?
- Why did Jesus appear? [1 John 3:5]
 - What was special about Jesus?
 - What are the characteristics of someone that abides in Jesus? [1 John 3:6]
 - What did Jesus destroy on the cross? [1 John 3:8]
- How are those of Jesus different from those of the devil? [1 John 3:7-8]
 - In the context of this letter, who might be deceiving the churches that John is writing to?
- What is the effect of God’s seed (Holy Spirit) being present in someone?
[1 John 3:9]
- How are the children of God distinguished from the rest? [1 John 3:10]
 - What particular action is John concerned about? [1 John 3:10b-11]

Application

- What did Jesus come into the world to do?
 - What was special about Jesus?
- What characterises those that abide in Jesus?
 - How can we selflessly love others in the Church? (“Love the brothers” in John’s letter.)