

# Who Are We?

## Small Group Study

### Study 4 – 'We Are The Children Of God'

#### 1. Getting Started.

Think about your earthly family. Are there any family resemblances between the children & their father? If so, discuss in what ways & possible reasons why.

#### 2. Children Of God

Another image the New Testament uses to describe Christians is that we are children of God.

a) **Read 1 John 3:1-10.** How would you describe the mood of the opening two sentences of verse 1?

b) Why are we able to be children of God?

c) When does someone become a child of God? How does a child of God's family likeness change more & more over time?

d) What is John's definition of sin here? Discuss what you think this means.

e) Why is Christianity & ongoing habitual sin incompatible? How does 1:8-10 help to shed light on 3:6 & 3:9?

f) Using verse 5 as a platform, explain in as much detail as you can what Jesus did for us on the cross.

g) How is your ongoing habitual behaviour an indicator of whose child you really are?

### **3. Getting Practical**

a) What are some specific ways you've seen ongoing habitual patterns in your life & character change since becoming a child of God? What are some specific ways you need further change? Share this with your group.

b) Why is it important for Christians to understand that as children of God, the church is our family of brothers & sisters who are to love one another & do what is right?

c) Discuss some further practical applications of this passage (for example, about how you should relate with your small group, & with your wider church family).

Finish with an extended time of personal sharing & prayer.

