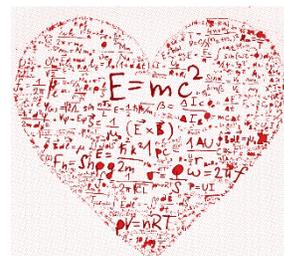


DEMONSTRATE THE PROOF



Small Group Discussion

Family Resemblance

1 John 3.1–7

Getting Started

- Take some time to read the passage on your own. Underline what makes you a child of God. Draw a circle around those things that give you hope as a child of God. Put in brackets and phrases or concepts you don't understand.
- Share with one another your findings. Are you surprised by the commonalities? Were you able to help one another through some of the more difficult concepts?

Static Questions

- **What was the passage about?**
 - Note the key details (Who, What, When, Where, Why, etc.)
 - Pay attention to the main *points* of the passage.
- **What did you learn?**
 - What did the passage reveal about God? About people?
 - Was there a promise or command or a warning?
 - What is the big idea of the passage?
 - What lessons do you see?
- **How will you apply it?**
 - How does this passage relate to your life right now?
 - What change in your thinking or behavior is needed to align with the truths in this message?
 - How should you respond based on what you learned?

From the Teaching this Morning

- What does this passage have to say to us about what it means to be a follower of Jesus?
- Why is it “the world” does not understand or recognizes us as children of God?
- One of the primary themes in this passage is assurance in the present and the hope of the future. (See John 11.25–26) Where can we find assurances in the present that we are in fact God's children?
- How does our identity as seen on our birth certificates compare with our new identity as God's children?

Application Questions

- As children of God we are called to be in right relationship with one another. In the early church we see communities of faith forming peculiar (drastically different) relationships with one another compared with others around them. How might we at Redeemer Bible Church form these beautifully peculiar relationships? What can we actively do as members of this body to not be satisfied with the shallowness of passing relationships and instead actively form sacrificial, life-giving, and life-sharing relationships as children of God?

