

Small Group Discussion Guide March 11, 2018

Sermon Title: "The Full Work of Salvation"

Sermon Text: 1 John 1:1-10 Scripture Reading: Psalm 145:9-21

Leader: Please allow a moment for introductions/visiting. Have someone offer a brief prayer inviting God to speak and lead using the group's discussion.

Getting Started: We are "saved to serve." Where are you presently serving? In your family? In your work? In our church? How might you improve your service in these areas?

Discussion:

- 1. John is the author of today's scripture. Do you remember the "nickname" Jesus gave he and his brother James? (**Reference: Mark 3:17**) Later, John would be known as "the Apostle of Love", because he wrote so much on love, AND he exhibited it.
- **2.** What did John say was his purpose for writing this epistle? (Reference: Vs. 4) How well would you say you are living in this state?
- **3.** The Pastor mentioned 3 areas where the salvation Jesus offers makes an impact in our present lives... not just in preparing us to go to heaven. Consider these areas:

*Jesus cleanses our hearts. Check these following references on the state of the heart. -Jeremiah 17:9 -Luke 8:15 -James 4:8

What truths do these tell us about the heart? Is there a difference between the unredeemed heart, and the heart of one who has been saved?

*Jesus renews our minds. (Reference: Philippians 2:5) What would the world be like if we lived by this simple advice? What difference would you notice in YOUR world? What can you do to help this change come about?

*Jesus forgives our sins. (This is the single greatest area of work Jesus does.) (Reference: Vs.7) How many sins does the blood of Jesus cleanse? (That includes YOUR sin that you wrestle with.)

Closing: Close by sharing prayer requests. Pray for each another and for the needs that were shared.

GO SHARE JESUS!

