



## INTRODUCTION

John explains he is writing his letter to help us not sin, but then comforts us by pointing to Christ's work on our behalf when we do sin.

## INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore, please use it as a tool that best fits the needs of your community group.

## OPENING DISCUSSION

- What was the most interesting idea/concept about Sunday's sermon?

## REVIEW

- Read **1 John 2:1-2**
- What are the Christian's two advocates? How is their ministry different?
- What is a propitiation?
- What does it mean that Christ is the propitiation for the whole world?

## APPLICATION

- What do you think of the statement "God hates the sin, not the sinner?" In what way is helpful? In what way is it not helpful?
- Do you think Christians minimize sin? Discuss.
- Why do you need an advocate? In what way does Christ advocate for us?
- Is Christ in heaven asking for mercy or justice for you? Discuss.
- How do these verses help you deal with the feeling of guilt?
- How do these verses empower your obedience?

## PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs?