

## APPLICATIONS FOR LIFE TRANSFORMATION

1. Do you ever think of yourself as a “child of God”? If you do, what difference does that make in your life? (and if you don’t, what difference do you think it could make? Or *should* make?)
2. John uses the word “sin” or “sinner” 10 times in verses 4-9. Given the rise of Gnosticism near the end of the first century, why does he put so much emphasis on sinning and on the devil as the source of sin (vs. 8)? What relevance is the passage (vs. 4-9) to us here in the 21st century?
3. John calls us to “love on another” (vs. 11, 14, & 23), echoing the words he heard from Jesus (see John 13:34). John then goes on to describe what that ought to mean to us as followers of Jesus Christ (vs. 16-18). How do these verses impact you personally?
4. This chapter ends with the idea of a mutual relationship between us and God: “Those who keep God’s commands live in Him and He in them” (vs. 24). What does that mean to you? Do you feel that God lives in you and you in Him?