Bible Study for April 12-18, 2021

Read: 1 John 3:1-7

Notes:

The two most difficult things to get straight in life are love and God. More often than not, the mess people make of their lives can be traced to failure or stupidity or meanness in one or both of these areas. The basic biblical Christian conviction is that the two subjects are closely related. If we want to deal with God the right way, we have to learn to love the right way. If we want to love the right way, we have to deal with God the right way. God and love can't be separated.

Questions to Ponder:

As a child, was there ever another couple who you imagined you would like as parents? What was it about them that made you feel that way?

What telltale signs mark someone as a "child of God"?

What implications might we draw about God from verse 1?

What motives for living a holy life does John give in these verses? Which one spurs you the most to live for God? Why?

As you get older, do you find it harder or easier to resist sinful desires? Why?

When you fall for sin, what have you found helpful in making it right and getting on with life?