

# MESSAGE NOTES

“No Greater Love”  
Text: 1 John 2:1-2

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The more you \_\_\_\_\_ on what \_\_\_\_\_ did on the \_\_\_\_\_,  
the less you will \_\_\_\_\_.

Our goal isn't to be \_\_\_\_\_ but to \_\_\_\_\_.

John 10:28

Jesus doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ us because we are \_\_\_\_\_,  
but rather because we are \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 8:33-34

\*When our \_\_\_\_\_ (unrighteousness) \_\_\_\_\_ us,

Jesus (the righteous) \_\_\_\_\_ us.

Philippians 3:9

Luke 22:41-44

Matthew 27:46

John Stott: “Propitiation does not make God gracious ... God does not love us because Christ died for us, Christ died for us because God loves us.”

Mark Moore: “The problem for God is not forgiveness but propitiation. In other words, He is willing to forgive, but His justice demands adequate propitiation.”

“The atonement did not procure \_\_\_\_\_, it flowed from \_\_\_\_\_.”  
- Forsyth

1 John 4:10

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# CONNECT GROUP HOMEWORK

For the week of May 20.

## GETTING STARTED \_\_\_\_\_

1. When was the last time someone had your back and defended you? How did it feel knowing there was someone willing to fight for you?
  
2. Do you ever have trouble asking for help or accepting help from others? Why? Do you ever hesitate to ask God to help you? What hinders you from freely asking and accepting the help God offers?

## DIGGING DEEPER \_\_\_\_\_

1. Do you think our culture today downplays the seriousness of sin? Why or why not? What excuses do we make for our sin?

Is sin really a big deal (**Psalm 51:4; Romans 6:23**)? How does the way we understand Christ's death impact the way we view our sin?

In your experience, what is the hardest part about admitting your sinfulness?

Does Jesus' advocacy encourage you to seek Him when you sin? Why or why not?

2. **1 John 2:1** tells us Jesus is our Advocate. How do the following verses further describe this role?
  - **Romans 8:34**
  - **1 Timothy 2:5**

Why is it meaningful to know that Jesus is not just our Savior but also our Advocate? What impact does this have on our daily living?

3. Some people have asked, "Why can't God just forgive our sins without the death of Jesus?" To answer that, we have to understand the significance of the cross. Read the verses below. What did Jesus' death on the cross accomplish?
  - **1 John 4:10**
  - **Hebrews 9:15**
  - **Romans 5:9**
  - **Romans 5:10-11**

## PRACTICAL APPLICATION \_\_\_\_\_

How would you respond to someone who asks, "Why does it matter how I live, if Jesus forgives all my sins and has made propitiation?"