Sermon Supplement from March 3

Children of God | 1 John 3:1-3

Warm Up

 What is true of your kids BECAUSE THEY ARE YOUR KIDS? (If you don't have kids, what is true of you because of your parents?)

Dig In

Read 1 John 3:1 - Who We Are

- What does this verse teach us about our relationship with God?
- What does it teach us about our identity?
- What does it teach us about our responsibility?
- Finish this sentence as many ways as you can: "Because I am a child of God..."
- If you struggle to accept WHO you are, why is it important to remember WHOSE you are?

Read 1 John 3:2 - Who We Will Be

- What does this verse teach us about the future glorification of believers?
- How do these passages help? Philippians 3:20-21; Romans 8:18-25; 1 Corinthians 15:51-57.
- What kind of encouragement does this teaching bring you?

Read 1 John 3:3 - Who We Should Be

- What does this verse teach about our response to the previous two verses?
- Why do you think personal holiness is so neglected today?
- Explain how the pursuit of personal holiness is an active, rather than passive, process.
- What steps do you need to take to pursue personal holiness today?

Wrap Up

- What did you find encouraging about this message?
- What did you find challenging?
- How does what you learned change the way you think, feel, or act?

Next Week's Sermon: 1 John 3:4-10

- Read the text several times in multiple translations.
- Read the text in the context of the verses around it.
- Read study Bible notes or a commentary on the passage.
- Write down what you think is the big idea of the passage.
- Write down a few personal applications.