

## **Sermon Discussion Guide for small groups, families, and individuals**

### **“A Gospelicious Christian”**

**1 John 2:28-3:10**

**June 7-8, 2014**

#### **For Starters**

1. What stood out to you from this week’s message?
2. What are some of the words that people use to describe Jesus from Christian and non-Christian perspectives?

#### **Digging In**

1. John writes in 1 John 2:29 that Jesus was “righteous”. What type of figure was Jesus according to the New Testament?
2. John begins chapter 3 with the word “see”. What is he asking his church (and us) to see?
3. How do we become children of God? Why does God make us his children?
4. As Christians, what type of future are we looking forward to? (Look to 1 John 3:2, 1 Corinthians 15 and Revelation 21 & 22 for guidance here.)
5. If you had to sum up the message of the Bible in one sentence, what would you say?

#### **Bringing it Home**

1. What are some of the ways that “seeing” and “beholding” the Biblical Jesus can change us?
2. Are you a Christian who is marveling at the miracle of your conversion? If not, how can this text help to encourage you to marvel again at the Gospel?
3. What are the differences between religious people and “gospelicious” Christians? What guidance does 1 John 1-3 offer to Christians to help them move from religious duty to gospel astonishment as we approach God?
4. How does your hope in the future impact how you live now? Are you longing for the appearing of Jesus?

#### **Digging Deeper**

Spend time meditating on the person of Jesus Christ. Read John 1 and Colossians 1:15-23 and allow those Christ-exalting texts to move your heart and mind to worship Jesus for who he is.