

God's heart for His Children  
1 John 2:1-6

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God's heart for his children involves a...

Passion that we would not sin. (1a)

Provision when we do sin. (1b-2)

Plan for a clean conscience that compels our obedience. (3-5)

Purpose for Him to live His life in and through us. (6)

### [Sermon Summary]

READ THE PASSAGE TO START – 1 John 2:1-6

God's passion is for us, as His children, to not sin. Sin hinders our fellowship with God. Sin also has consequences and hurts others which leads to shame and blame. God's provision when we do sin is Jesus Christ, our Advocate. Jesus moves towards us, even before we sin. Jesus not only has paid the penalty for our sin, died in our place, but also is our Advocate before the Father defending us before the perfect Judge. Obedience is the result of relationship. It is not about us trying hard to be obedient, and then gaining relationship with the Father. When we know God, love God, and realize we are redeemed, then obedience is a reality in our life.

### ***Discussion Starters:***

[The discussion starters are designed to help each other apply God's Word to our week. The idea is to help others continually take steps of obedience to God's voice in our lives.]

What did God speak to you through the message this weekend? What is the problem sin is causing in your life right now? What is God doing in your life? How is God speaking truth into the lie you are believing and living? What is God asking you to do this week? How can you make space for Jesus, your Advocate, to do His work in your life over the next seven days?

### **BRAVE Church News**

#### **First Tuesday**

This week - October 2nd. **Reminder that no ministries will be meeting next week.** Encourage everyone to come to Prayer Night on Tuesday - Dinner 5:30, Prayer starts at 6:30. **NEW THIS WEEK** - Prayer night will be launching Tuesday night at Broomfield - same time. Campuses will be connected through technology. So cool!

#### **Ministry Desks**

This weekend the ministry tables will be organized a little differently at Englewood campus. Stand up tables will all be clustered in the center of the lobby, as opposed to spread out. This should help lessen the risk of tables being unmanned. Anyone interested in getting into a group can be walked to the circle of tables in the middle of the lobby.

## **Young Adults**

Young Adults is continuing the sermon series from John: "That You May Believe". Small groups have kicked off and the community is growing! College small groups, men's groups and women's groups meet Thursday nights at Englewood 6:30 - 9:00 - includes teaching, dinner and worship!

**Note:** We have seen more and more young adults walking through the front door at BRAVE on the weekends. If you don't happen to have eyes on Mark or Alex Guthrie during weekend services, feel free to hand out their phone numbers or business cards (available at the info table). Mark: 708-224-6605. Alex: 815-295-0486

## **Students**

High School small group event next weekend: October 5th & 6th

Middle School retreat October 12th - 14th

## **Children's**

AWANA just started last week. Registration is still open online. It's not too late for families to get involved!

**FYI** - Children's has a new parent alert system. Instead of flashing a number up on the big screen in the sanctuary, parents now receive a text message if their child needs attention.

## **Missions**

The Brazil team leaves next Friday, October 5th! Encourage people to be praying for the team, and the villagers along the Amazon that they will be ministering to. LOADS of clothing and supplies were collected through our body - praise be to God!

## **Sermon Series**

Pastor Jeff is preaching through 1 John. Recordings of past sermons can be found on the website under the SERMONS tab.

## **Website**

Mike Worley is very open to our feedback on the functionality of the BRAVE website. If you have people comment about challenges (or successes!) they have had with the website, please take a moment to write it on the first sheet of the binder at the Info Desk, or email it to us. That way we can get specific and relevant feedback to Mike.

## **Info Desk**

*First time visitors with kids:* We are finding it best practice if Greeters can hand off a new family with children to a Connector at the Info Desk, and the Connector then walks the family downstairs to hand off to a Children's greeter at the bottom of the stairs. We have had very good feedback from new families saying that simple step makes the whole family feel more comfortable. Last week I had two families come back and hang out at the Info desk after service to ask more questions. Yet another reason we want to have multiple people at the Info Desk, so that one person can be free to walk new families downstairs.

If you haven't had a chance to sign up for a slot to serve at the info Desk, here is the link again. We are trying to have three people per service. So far we are well covered for second service, but could use a couple more volunteers for Saturday night and first service. Thank you! [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1-ifY5Nm5FSiX0Iji7-0F8OT\\_JymeifeuQmk3fOo24Q/edit?ts=58b3cdca#gid=588865032](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1-ifY5Nm5FSiX0Iji7-0F8OT_JymeifeuQmk3fOo24Q/edit?ts=58b3cdca#gid=588865032)

## **Fun Fact**

Did you know that BRAVE has a prayer wall on the website? People can post a prayer request, and anyone can go out to pray for posted prayer requests. It is a beautiful way to support each other through prayer.