



LifeGroup Discussion Guide

Practicing

Remember this page is designed to *begin* a discussion with your LifeGroup. It is not comprehensive. Allow the following questions to spur on deeper and further conversation, study, and discussion.

Go around and share a skill or ability that you've honed over months of practice [Example: playing a musical instrument, sport, tying fly fishing lures, etc]? Explain the truth behind the statement "*Perfect practice, makes perfect,*" and how that truth is different from the adage "*Practice makes perfect?*"

READ: 1 John 2:29 - Comment on the relationship between doing what is "*right*" (practicing) and being "*born*" of God? How is our spiritual heritage/genealogy connected to our behaviors? Can you give any real-world examples of how you've seen children carrying on the actions of their parents (for good or bad)?

READ: Philippians 4:9 & Hebrews 5:14 - What role does the discipline of "practice" have in Christian discipleship? Speak to the issue of modeling when it comes to Christian discipleship. What does it mean to "imitate Christ?" **READ: Ephesians 5:1-2** - What happens to Christians when their imitation strays away from a modeling after God? How is this idea of imitation or modeling tied to our new birth as children of God?

The application from Sunday's study was a call towards giving our attention to the correct model by (1) the Spirit (2) the church family (3) Jesus in His return. Speak to each of these resources in their handling of "*sin*" by connecting them with these corresponding passages:

1. The Holy Spirit - **READ: Romans 8:12-16**
2. The church - **READ: James 5:19-20**
3. The Return of Jesus - **READ: Hebrews 10:35-39**

Close out your time by encouraging one another to practice with these resources in confirmation of our new birth as children of God.