

## Above & Beyond

*Sermon Notes*

### 1) New Father

*Confidence*

*Confusion*

### 2) New Birth

### 3) New Body

### 4) New Life



## The Worship of God

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## Community Group Discussion Guide

“Above & Beyond” ~ 1 John 2:28–3:3

<sup>2:28</sup> *And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming. <sup>29</sup> If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him.*

<sup>3:1</sup> *See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that bit did not know him. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.*

### ICE BREAKER:

When have you had an “above and beyond” experience? When did an event, meal, moment, etc. greatly exceed your expectations?

### **NEW FATHER:**

- If you were to approach God as a Father each & every day, what would most change in your mind, heart, or life?
- What does it look like to approach God with confidence? How do you normally approach God?
- How have you experienced the world “not knowing you”? What was that experience like?

### **NEW BIRTH:**

- What does it mean to be born again?
- What is the difference between being called a child and actually being a child? Why is this important?
- What are some clear ways that God has changed your heart & desires since you were born again?

### **NEW BODY:**

- When you read “we shall be like him” in 1 John 3:2, what does that make you think about? How does it make you feel?
- What aspect of a glorified body do you most look forward to?

### **NEW LIFE:**

- What are the areas in your life that you desire to be purified?
- Why is it so easy to become numb & complacent to the benefits of being a child of God?
- What are some ways to not become numb and/or complacent to these benefits?
- How do you “look & behold” the love of the Father?

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