

A Light in the Dark

A Study in 1 John



1 John 2:7-11

Getting Started

Like the “I was today years old when I found out...” trend, what are some things you learned later in life that have always been true?

Discussion

What does John mean by saying what he is writing is NOT a new command (vs. 7) but yet it IS a new command (vs. 8)?

Where does John say the truth of this command is found? (hint: vs. 8) Discuss what that looks like in real life.

What is the key difference, according to John here, between living in the light vs. living in darkness?

John makes a strikingly strong declaration in vs. 9 (basically - anyone who doesn't love is not in the light, no matter what they say). How do these statements, esp. Vss. 9,10, sit with you?

How can we make sure we are moving away from this darkness and more into his light?

As you go

Follow up this week's study by taking a sneak peek ahead in I John 3:11-24. Meditate on the command and challenge of love and how it fits into the life of a Christian. Ask yourself serious questions and demand answers from yourself before you dismiss the thoughts - What does this love look like in my life? How does my life reflect these scriptures?

Prayer

Who has a need they would like the Group to pray for? How about a story from this past week of victory and praise?

Pray for God to open your heart and mind to his Spirit to lead you to a life of greater love that mimics Jesus. Pray for grace and growth regarding specific people or groups of people that challenge you most in this area.

