

A Light in the Dark

A Study in 1 John



1 John 2:3-6

Getting Started

What is something you are certain about? What evidence do you have that gives you such certainty? (ie. the sky is blue, my son is seven years old, etc.)

Discussion

What do you remember from the sermon that you would like to discuss further?

What does it mean to “know” God? How can we know that we know God according to vs. 3-6?

Why does John call someone who claims to know God but doesn’t obey his commands a “liar”?

How does obedience to Jesus’ word lead to “love for God being made complete in us”? What does “love made complete” look like in our lives?

Read John 15:1-11. What does it mean in John’s mind to “live in Him (1 John 2:6)” or to “abide in Him (John 15)”?

How do we grow in “living as Jesus lived (v. 6)”?

As you go

According to v. 6, we are to “live as Jesus lived.” Take time this week to answer the following question in a journal or in conversation with a spouse or trusted friend...How did Jesus live? List out as many things as you can think of and turn the list into a prayer, asking God to, with the help of the Holy Spirit along with your active participation, form these things in you as a person.

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 give you grace to obey him because you love him. Pray against *legalism* (doing the right thing to earn God’s love) and pray against *license* (taking advantage of God’s free love and mercy by living however you want).

