

Group Discussion Guide

Week of September 26, 2021

1 John 1:5-2:2 – Walking in the Light

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- Share a time you made a mistake and regretted it.
- Did you make that same mistake again? Why or why not?

QUICK REVIEW

Looking over your notes from this past teaching... was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

MAIN POINT

John shares one of the ways to gain fullness of joy... bringing our sin into the light, receiving forgiveness, and seeking to live a more righteous life.

DIGGING INTO THE WORD

Read – 1 John 1:5 – 2:2

- When you were growing up, whenever you disobeyed your parents, did you want to hang out with your parents, or stay away from your parents? Why?
- When children get caught disobeying their parents, there is a natural feeling of “separation” that occurs. How would you explain that? Why does that happen? Who caused the “separation”?
- When we disobey God (sin) there is a natural feeling of “separation” that occurs. How would you explain that? Why does that happen? Who caused the “separation”?
- Do you think it is possible to be saved, but not have fellowship with God? Explain.

When we place our faith in Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we are saved from eternal separation from God (hell), and we are adopted into His family. However, when we sin, we create a separation of fellowship with God.

Read again – 1 John 1:5-7

- What do you think John is trying to explain regarding God being LIGHT and our ability to walk in that LIGHT?
- What does John point to as the cause for our inability to walk in the light?

Read again – 1 John 1:8

- What is John's point in this verse?
- If SIN causes us to not be able to WALK IN THE LIGHT (be in fellowship with God), and everyone sins, then what hope do we have for fellowship with God?

Read again – 1 John 1:9

- What does John point to as the way to regain fellowship with God?
- Do you think we need to confess every sin we ever committed to be forgiven and have fellowship with God?

Read – Psalm 19:12

- What was David asking God to do for him?

Read again – 1 John 2:1-2

- What does John point to as the purpose for writing these things?

Read – 1 John 1:4

- In this verse, what does John point to as the purpose for writing these things?
- How can these 2 purposes align with each other?

TAKING IT HOME

- Take some time this week to allow God to reveal to you any sin you may have ignored that is keeping you from full fellowship with God and a fullness of joy in your life. Then confess that sin and enjoy walking in fellowship with God!

PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS