

Small Group Questions | July 17, 2022

1 John 2:3–11

- 1.** According to John, how can we be confident that we know Christ? How do we balance the importance of having assurance of our salvation on the one hand, with the importance of examining ourselves on the other? (2 Corinthians 13:5)

- 2.** What is the commandment that John says is both old and new? What makes the commandment old? What makes it new? In what ways was Christ the perfect example of obedience to this command?

- 3.** Verse 8 says, “the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining.” How can we be confident this statement is true in spite of the great darkness we continue to see in the world? How does the command to love our neighbor relate to this contrast between light and darkness?

- 4.** In what ways, or under what circumstances, do you personally find it most difficult to love your neighbor as yourself? How does the example of Christ contrast with our inadequacies in that regard?