



Grace Group Discussion Guide

Sermon Title: God Is Light

Date: 9/13/26

1

Connect

Not tied to the text — gets everyone talking early.

- What's one thing from your summer worth celebrating?

2

Recap

Anchors everyone in the text — no prior training needed to answer.

1 John 1:5–2:2 (CSB) — This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light, and there is absolutely no darkness in him. If we say, “We have fellowship with him,” and yet we walk in darkness, we are lying and are not practicing the truth. If we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say, “We have no sin,” we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say, “We have not sinned,” we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing you these things so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father — Jesus Christ the righteous one. He himself is the atoning sacrifice, for our sins, and not only for ours, but also for those of the whole world. ”

- What stood out to you from Sunday's message or this passage?
- What do we notice about the characters, setting, or events in 1 John 1:5–2:2?
- John says "God is light, and there is absolutely no darkness in him" (v. 5). What words or phrases in verses 5–10 describe what it looks like to walk in the light versus walk in darkness?

3

Discovery

Digging into what the text means — okay if only a few voices carry it.

- What does this passage reveal about God's character?
- John names two false claims: "we have fellowship with him" while walking in darkness (v. 6), and "we have no sin" (v. 8). Why does he call both of these self-deception rather than honest faith?

Facilitator note: *This is the theological core — let silence sit for a few seconds before moving on.*

4

Application

The funnel narrows into life application and vulnerability.

- Where do you see this same pattern in your own life?
- What's one place God might be calling you to respond differently?
- Sunday's message described someone who could "look like light" — talking the right talk while living a hidden, unloving life. Where are you most tempted to perform light rather than actually walk in it?

Facilitator note: *Newer members can answer at a lighter level; established members can go deeper — don't force uniform depth.*

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Prayer / Response

Occasional action step — not required every week.

- How can we pray for you this week?
- (Occasional) What's one concrete step you'll take because of this?

Facilitator note: *This last question is for you as the leader to discern whether or not there is more to call someone to. Perhaps they have admitted sin or expressed something God has asked them to change and you can help them see God may be calling them to more.*
