

Community group questions
I John 1:5-2:2

Opening question: Share a time when you were without physical light and how it made you feel.

Scripture study

- Read 1 John 1:5. What comes to mind when you think of light? What does it mean that God is light and what are the implications of that to your life? How is spiritual light crucial to your walk with the Lord?
- Read 1 John 1:6-7. What is the claim, the contradiction, and the conclusion in verse 6? How is it possible for there to be such a disconnect between one's claim and one's actions? What do we need to do to narrow the gap between our talk and our walk? How is closeness with others related to honesty?
- Read 1 John 1:8-9. In what ways can we deceive ourselves about sin in our lives? How is David's experience in Psalm 32:1-5, an example of two choices we have when it comes to sin? Discuss the importance of 1 John 1:9 to our everyday lives. When we understand confess to mean, "saying the same thing as God" how should that affect our prayers of confession?
- Read 1 John 1:10-2:2. What stands out to you about these verses? What is the appropriate attitude we should have towards sin? Discuss the practical outcomes of Jesus as advocate and our atoning sacrifice. What does it mean to live as a forgiven person each day? Share how you want that to be a reality in your life this week.