

Community Group Questions
1 John 2:3-6

Opening question: Give some examples of when you need assurance that the person knows what he says he knows.

Scripture study: 1 John 2:3-6

- Read 1 John 2:3-4. How do these verses fit into what John has already said in 1:1-2:2? What is the relationship between faith and works (see also James 2:14-17)? What careful distinctions need to be made? What criteria is typically given for assurance and how do these words point us to a different criterion? Share some of Jesus' commands that can be hard to accept.

- Read 1 John 2:5. What is a sign that someone knows God? Share some personal examples of how God's Word is working in your life. What is the relationship between knowing God and love? How have you seen God's love work itself out through you?

- Read 1 John 2:6. What is the evidence for knowing God? What do each of these verses from the gospel of John point out about how Jesus lived;
 John 4:4-9

 John 5:30

 John 6:38

 John 13:1, 14-17, 34-35

- How is living as Jesus lived a higher standard than following rules? Discuss Dallas Willard's question, "What would Jesus do if he were me?" How can that be personalized in your life this coming week? Share any other takeaways from the sermon.