

Sermon Discussion Questions

1 JOHN 1:5-10 // WALK IN THE LIGHT

- What symbolizes "freedom" to you in your childhood or teenage years?
- Did that freedom lead to you being more free to live in close and intimate relationships? Or did your freedom strain those relationships?
- Pastor Joey said "It's impossible to hide the fact that you've done something wrong, *and* still maintain a normal and loving relationship with the people around you that that wrong action affects." Do you agree? How have you experienced this?
- How is John trying to help his churches learn to love one another? How does that help show up in 1 John 1:5-2:2?
- John says "God is light." What does he mean by that? How does he work that out?
- What does "light" symbolize? How does that apply to God?
- Three times John sets up a false belief (vs. 6, 8, and 10). How would you summarize those false beliefs?
- For each false belief John peels back the curtain and shows the real results of those beliefs (vs. 6, 8, and 10). How would you summarize those results?
- For each false belief John gives an alternative practice, not just another belief (vs. 7, 9, and 2:1-2). How would you summarize those practices?
- When was the last time you confessed to wrongdoing *before* you were caught? What happened because of your confession?
- How important is it to you to confess regularly to God?
- How does your community help you practice confession?

