

"Walking In the Light"

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- 1. Take a few minutes to share any BOLD testimonies that you may have. How is God helping you to become Bolder as it pertains to loving God or others?
- 2. READ I John 1:5-2:2. Why do you think God reveals Himself to us as Light? (Ps. 104:2; Ps. 27:1; Ex. 34:29; Jn. 1:4; Matt. 17:2; Jn. 8:12)
- 3. What is meant by God being Light and not having any darkness in Him? How is God's Light contrasted with Darkness? How do we see these biblical themes played out in the world around us?
- 4. READ Col. 1:13; Eph. 5:8; Eph. 4:17-24. How is it appropriate to speak of our life before Christ as living in darkness, while speaking of our new life in Christ as walking in the light?
- 5. Discuss the three false notions about sin from verses 6,8,10 that all begin with "If we say..."
 - We can have fellowship with God and walk in darkness. (II Cor. 6:14) What beautiful things come from walking in the light? (v.7)
 - We have no sin. What does it look like to deceive others (v.6) and ourselves (v.8)?
 - We have not sinned. What does the Bible teach about having a sin nature? (Rom. 3:10-23) Why do some people try to deny it (Jn. 3:19-20)?
- 6. READ I Jn. 2:9-10 and 1:9. Why did John write this? Is it loving to allow people to continue to live in sin?
- 7. Why is I John 1:9 such an important verse to memorize? What does "confess" mean and what happens when we do confess our sins?
- 8. John reminds us that we have an "advocate" with the Father. Who is our Advocate and how does He advocate for us?
- 9. What is the meaning of the word "propitiation" and how does it help us to understand God's love for us?
- 10. Read Jn. 3:16 and Acts 26:18. Why do we need to be faithful to share Jesus with others? Who are three people you are praying for and building redemptive relationships with?
- 11. End by reading John 15:1-17. What is essential if we are going to consistently walk in the Light? What will be the obvious fruit of walking in the light?