



JOURNEY GROUPS

MAY 24 DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

STUDY

Digging Deeper into the life of the Apostle John and 1 John 1:8–2:2:

1. On Sunday, we learned the Greek word 'parakletos,' which means to come alongside. Who is someone who 'came alongside you' and made a difference in your life at a critical moment?
2. Read 1 John 1-2:2.
3. For review, why was John writing this letter again? One main reason is found in verses 3-4.
4. God is by nature LIGHT. What about who God is causes God to be light, and have no darkness in Him whatsoever?
5. A big illustrative motif for John in the first half of his letter is the contrast between light and darkness. He says that truth = light, and that lies or lying is darkness. **Have someone reread verses 6-7.** Why is it all too easy to claim to live in the light, but then turn around and walk in darkness?
6. Read 1 John 1:8–2 John 2:2.
7. It's incredible to be saved out of darkness and brought into God's wondrous light. And it's amazing to be invited to join in the fellowship between God, Jesus, and our other brothers and sisters in Christ. But what do we often do when we sin, or stray and walk in darkness? What is a bad way to respond when we catch ourselves giving in to the flesh and sinning?
8. Reread 1 John 1:9. Why are we blessed if we confess?

9. Why do we exert so much energy to hide when we sin, when confession is the way to forgiveness and healing?
10. After coming into the light, do you ever have a hard time coming close to God? Do you ever wait until you have had a 'good' day or two, before you feel like you can be close to God?
11. Does anyone remember what the word atone means?
12. Why is Jesus the ultimate parakletos (advocate/helper) when it comes to our weakness to sin?
13. What can wash away the stains of sin and shame from our soul?
14. Give thanks to God that we have such a helper (parakletos) who paid for us, forgives us, and cleans us up!
15. How could a small group or church culture practically live out the kind of confession described in 1:9?
16. In what ways can pretending to be without sin (1:8, 10) damage Christian fellowship and authenticity within the church?
17. In what ways can denying sinfulness (1:8–10) distort a person's relationships with God, others, and themselves?
18. How does believing that God is "faithful and just" in forgiving sin (1:9) affect emotional struggles such as shame, fear, or guilt?
19. What evidence in your life suggests growing honesty and transparency before God compared to previous seasons?
20. How can you discern the difference between genuine confession and merely feeling bad about consequences?
21. What indicators show that a Christian community is growing in grace-filled accountability rather than performance-based spirituality?

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