

NEW CREATION CHURCH

Small Group Guide

Week of May 18, 2026

Small Group Guide: Small Groups Discussion Guide: 1 John – Part 2

(Based on May 10, 2026 Teaching)

Key Scripture Passages

- 1 John 1:4-10

Key Takeaways

1. **God is light** - There is no darkness, deception, or hidden evil in Him
2. **Fellowship requires walking in light** - We cannot have genuine fellowship with God while habitually walking in darkness
3. **The blood cleanses continually** - As we walk in the light, Jesus's blood keeps cleansing us
4. **Confession restores fellowship** - Acknowledging our sin to God keeps us in the light and maintains our fellowship
5. **Forgiveness is not just for salvation** - We need ongoing forgiveness for fellowship, not to be saved again
6. **Denying our sin makes God a liar** - When God's light reveals sin, we must acknowledge it rather than make excuses

Discussion Questions

1. **What does it mean that "God is light and in Him is no darkness at all"?**
 - a. How is this different from simply talking about physical light and darkness?
 - b. What does this reveal about God's character?
2. **The sermon mentioned that "joy is not circumstances dependent." How does knowing the truth about God's life in us fill our joy?**
 - a. Share an example of when you experienced joy despite difficult circumstances.
3. **The passage says we cannot claim fellowship with God while walking in darkness.** Why do you think people sometimes try to separate their faith from their actions?
4. **The sermon distinguished between "making a habit of sin" versus "occasionally stumbling into sin." Why is this distinction important?**
 - a. How does this understanding bring both conviction and comfort?
 - b. What does it mean that the blood of Jesus "continually cleanses" us (present continuous tense)
5. **Discuss the car mirror and car scratch illustrations from the sermon. What point was being made about confession?**
 - a. Why do we sometimes avoid confessing our sins to God even though we're already saved?
 - b. How is confessing sin different from asking God to save us again?
6. **The sermon mentioned errors like Gnosticism that separated knowledge from actions. How do you see similar thinking today?** I.e. "It doesn't matter what I do as long as I believe the right things"

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Practical Application

Individual Challenge:

- Set aside time this week to pray and ask God to shine His light on any area of darkness in your life
- Practice immediate confession when the Holy Spirit convicts you of something
- Thank God daily that His blood cleanses you from all unrighteousness

Accountability Partner:

- Pair up with someone in your group to check in this week
- Share one area where you need to walk more fully in the light
- Pray for each other

Prayer Focus

- Thank God that He is light and there is no darkness in Him
 - Ask for grace to walk in transparency and honesty
 - Ask for courage to walk in the light and honesty to confess when we miss it
 - Thank God for the continuous cleansing power of Jesus' blood
 - Pray for deeper fellowship with God and with one another
 - Thank God for the fullness of joy that comes from walking in the light
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Remember:

- Walking in the light doesn't mean perfection
- It means transparency and honesty with God
- God's faithfulness to forgive is based on His character, not our worthiness