

## Sermon Discussion Questions

### 1 John | Light & Love

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1. Read the 1 John chapter 1
2. Why was it important that he had heard, seen, and touched Christ himself?
3. What does the Word of Life refer to? What does this name tell us about Christ?
4. John saw these things and what did he do with this knowledge (verse 2)? Is there any lesson there for us as to what we should do with the knowledge we have of God?
5. What does he mean by the phrase “so that you too may have fellowship with us?”
6. In what way do these things give joy?
7. What does it mean that “God is Light?” How is this similar to what John wrote in the Gospel of John? Where did he use similar vocabulary about Jesus there?
8. What does the Light represent? How about the darkness?
9. How do we have fellowship with Christ? How can we have better fellowship with Christ?
10. What does it mean that we have fellowship with one another?

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#### 1 John 1:1-10

Signs you are in true fellowship

#### 1. We walk in the light.

What does it mean to walk in the light? This phrase “light of the world” Was Christ’s way of stating that he is the one that is able to illuminate truth” which in turn extinguishes darkness.

The fruit of your life will show others that you are “in fellowship with Christ”.

**Ephesians 5:8-14** For at one time, you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ...

#### 2. We have fellowship with one another

**Koinonia** - fellowship shared by those holding common conviction. Deep intimate fellowship. Meaning, We need each other, it is not enough just come to church. We need real deep relationships with one another.

**Isolation is a breeding ground for self-deception.**

Our relationship with each other is the criterion the world uses to judge whether our message is truthful - Christian community is the final apologetic.

- how we handle disagreements
- how we deal with offence
- how we respond to differences
- If we are in Christ, we have given Lordship of our lives to Christ so the way we disagree with one another should look different.

These are all opportunities to show the world the transforming power of the gospel.

#### 3. We Confess our sins

1 John 1:9(Confession to Christ)

**The Christian discipline of Confession, is more about sanctification than salvation.**

James 5:16(confession to one another) Just like our confession of sin to our heavenly fathers keeps are heart right before him confessing to one another when we have done wrong keeps our unity as brothers and sisters in Christ.