

1 John 1:5-2:2

Pg 1021

Sermon Study Guide

(Reminder: The purpose of the questions is to explore the text and themes of the sermon. **Do not feel a need to go through all of the questions.** The goal is to stimulate discussion/reflection and transformation related to the sermon text and themes.)

1. Light is associated with God (1 John 1:5) and with Christ (John 1:4-5, 9). What is the effect of light on sin and evil? How does Ephesians 5:8-14 and John 3:19-21 help explain why the unrepentant avoid God's light? How are we as Christians to relate to God's light, and what does that look like in practice?
2. John is addressing 3 false statements in 1 John 1:6, 8, and 10. Which of these wrong ideas about sin do you think is most prevalent in the church in our day? How does this view of sin undercut the gospel itself? How can we as individuals and as a local church go about countering these false ideas?
3. Do you confess your sins on a regular basis? Why or why not? Has this passage in 1 John (especially 1:9 and 2:1) challenged or convicted you to change your habits?
4. John is balancing two distinct truths in this passage: (1) If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and make God out to be a liar, and (2) as Christians, we ought to walk in the light and not sin. How can we properly embrace both of these two realities? What happens when we emphasize only the one and not the other?