

Applying It In My LifeGroup time - 15 minutes

1. John is opposing those who do not take sin seriously, either because they think it doesn't matter (6-7) or can easily be overcome (8-10). How could a weak view of sin affect your spiritual life?
2. When are you most tempted to think that sin doesn't matter? What kind of sins do you think of as "little sins"?
3. Are you confident that your future is secure with God? If confident, in what is it based? If not confident, what can you do to strengthen your assurance?
4. How can a regular practice of confession help to keep the cross at the forefront of your life?

Psalm 32:1, 5

¹ *Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.*

⁵ *I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;*

*I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah*

Prayer TimeGroup time - 15 minutes

Ask God to help you delight in the God who is light, so that you desire to walk in His light. Spend time confessing your sin in silence and finish by praying the words of 1 John 1:9.

Walking in the Light

1 John 1:5-10

GROWTH GROUP HOMEWORK

Week of April 23, 2017

Getting StartedGroup time - 20 minutes

1. If there are new people in your group, do brief introductions with each person sharing something you did over Easter break.
2. Take a few minutes as a group to look over the *Growth Group Covenant*. (Your leader will have it at your first meeting).
3. Tell of a time when you tried to find something, walk, or do some task in total darkness.

FOR GROWTH GROUP TIME

Getting Into God's WordGroup time - 40 minutes

Read 1 John 1:5-10

1. Look at verse 5, what does John mean when he says, "God is light,"? Why is this a helpful description of God?
2. What are the three false claims John introduces in this passage? Why are they not true?
 - 1:6
 - 1:8
 - 1:10

3. What do you think it looks like to "walk in the dark"? What does this say about one's relationship with God? **Also read: Romans 13:11-14**
4. Does the text say it is possible to "walk in the light" and still sin? Put in your own words the difference between "walking in the light" and "walking in the dark."
5. What does it mean to confess our sins? How regular should this be in the Christian life?

PERSONAL: What place does confession have in your life? How can you make this a regular part of your faith journey?

6. Look at verse 9, how is God both faithful *and* just when He forgives sin? **Also read: Romans 3:23-26**

Read John 3:16-21

7. What light was sent into the world? How do people naturally respond to this light? Why do they respond that way?