

Sermon Title: Light in the Dark: Walk in the Light

Scripture: 1 John 1:5-10

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- 1. What is the literal, physical darkest moment in your life that you can remember? How did the increase of light change your perspective on darkness?
- 2. Has there ever been a moment that has been spiritually or emotionally dark? Did you feel "the light" changed your perspective in those moments as well? Why or why not?
- 3. "God is light, and in him is no darkness at all" (1 John 1:5) What does it mean for God to be "light" and not even the smallest amount of darkness within Him? What does this say about God and His character?
- 4. Why does John need to address the light and darkness present within those who claim belief and fellowship in Jesus (1 John 1:6)? Why would John call a person who does so a liar and someone who does not practice the truth?
- 5. How do two Christians walking in the light create fellowship with one another (1 John 1:7)? How does this help us understand the meaning of fellowship further and what it means to walk with one another?
- 6. How does walking in the light cleanse us from all sin (1 John 1:7)? Does this help us understand what it means to have fellowship with God who "in him is no darkness at all"?
- 7. There are not many Christians who would claim to be without sin (1 John 1:8). Yet, we can be quick to speak against or call out the sins in others rather than addressing our own sin. Why do you believe this is? How do you prevent yourself from doing this?
- 8. It should not be assumed that when we confess that God will forgive. How does this help us understand God and His character that "he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9)?
- 9. John Falconer said in The Missionary Call, "I have but one candle of life to burn, and I would rather burn it out in a land filled with darkness than in a land flooded with light." What does this quote mean to you? How do we consider it alongside this week's passage?
- 10. 1 John 1:5 is the basis for 1:6-22 and the foundation for 1:6-3:10, the first half of John's letter. Let's take a moment to prayerfully read and consider the verses we will share in coming weeks in this series.