



HTC Groups

Discussion Questions

Sermon Title: Light in the Dark: Believe in the Light

Scripture: 1 John 5:13-21

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1. John identifies one of the purposes for his letter in 1 John 5:13. "I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life." This is a repeated theme from the Gospel of John (John 20:31), and a repeated theme of this letter (1 John 2:3, 5b; 3:10, 14, 19, 24; 4:2, 6b; 5:2, 13). What have you come to know and believe through our time in this letter?
2. How have you understood 1 John 5:14-15, "And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him"?
3. How can we know that we pray according to His will?
4. If God already knows our needs and wants to fulfill them, why do we need to pray about them?
5. How is prayer the "thermometer of the spiritual life"? As you consider the items and frequency of your recent prayers, what is your current temperature?
6. What does John mean when he describes "a sin leading to death" (1 John 5:16-17)? Is there anyone you are praying for to believe?
7. The phrase, "keep yourselves from idols" (1 John 5:21) can be a passing sentence at the end of John's letter. It can often be discarded within our culture since we don't have statues, shrines, etc. How do you define an idol? Are there any potential idols in your life?
8. As we conclude our series, what has been the most memorable passage, message, or moment for you?
9. Is there a book of the Bible or topic you would like us to consider for a future series?
10. Christmas at Harbor Trinity is a unique opportunity to invite friends, family, coworkers, and neighbors to join us. As you consider A Community Christmas (Saturday, December 6th from 4-6pm), Women's Christmas Dinner (Sunday, December 14th at 5pm), Kids Club Christmas (Sunday, December 21st), and our Christmas Eve Services (4pm & 5:30pm), who are you prayerfully considering to invite? Before we conclude, let's take time to pray for each of these names and invitations.