

# Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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## BIBLE PASSAGES -

### 1 John 1:5 - 1:10 NIV

**5** This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. **6** If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. **7** But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

**8** If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. **9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. **10** If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar, and his word is not in us.

### 1 John 2:1-6 NIV

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. **2** He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

**3** We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. **4** Whoever says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. **5** But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: **6** Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

**Others: 1 John 2:1-6, Acts 2:42, John 8:12, John 10:10**

### Connect:

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

**Care:**

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

**Challenge:**

1. What areas of your life do you tend to hide or keep private? Why do you think that is?
2. What blocks God's light from shining into your heart and life? What would it look like to open the shutters and remove these barriers?
3. Does the church and this small group feel like a place where you can walk in the light with others? Why?
4. Are there areas of your relationship with God that feel less than authentic? How might you walk in the light in these areas?
5. In what ways has your life changed since coming to know Jesus?
6. What makes it difficult for you to be open and vulnerable with God or with others?
7. What is one area at work, home, or elsewhere that you can shine your light this week in a deeper way?

**Clarify:**

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

**Celebrate:**

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

**KEY TAKEAWAYS**