

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS
PROOF | TRUE OR FALSE? | I John 1:5-10
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QUICK REVIEW

1. As you consider this week's worship gathering, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you? It could have been through a song, the sermon, another person, or an experience..

MIXER

2. Let's turn off the lights in this room for a moment. The leader put something unusual in this room. Now that the lights are off, can you identify it? When we turn the lights on, it should become obvious to you.

MY STORY

3. God's light illuminates the truth and exposes sin. Describe a time when God's light, through the Bible and His Spirit exposed a sin in your life.

DIGGING DEEPER

4. First John 1: 6-7 mentions "walking in the light" and "walking in darkness." What do these phrases mean? (See Romans 8:4-5) Read 1 John 1:6. What does "practicing the truth" look like in your life?
5. If we say we have no sin, verse 8 accuses us of "deceiving ourselves" and being without truth. In what ways can we be deceived? How can I tell when I am being deceived?
6. Was there a time you were deceived about your own sin? How did you come to the realization it was a sin and how did you deal with it?

TAKING IT HOME (APPLICATION)

7. 1 John 1:9 tells us to confess our sins. How often do you do this? Is it helpful to confess not only to God but to another person? When and why should we do this?
8. Read Psalm 119: 105 and 130. Do you have a plan for spending time in God's Word? Are you sticking to your plan?
9. What are the steps you need to take to align your walk with God's Word?

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- I. He begins with God's *character*.
Rom 6:6-7, 17-18;
I Pet 2:9; Eph 5:8-11;
Gal 4:5-7; I Tim 1:5-10;
I Jn 1:5; 4:8; 5:20;
Jn 4:24
- II. The greatest threat to fellowship is *sin*.
II Tim 4:3-4
- 1st Lie: *Walking in sin and fellowship can coexist* I Jn 1:6
- 1st Truth: *Fellowship comes from Light* I Jn 1:7
- 2nd Lie: *Sin is not in my nature* I Jn 1:8; Rom 5:19
- 2nd Truth: *Confession leads to forgiveness* I Jn 1:9
- III. A test of *authenticity*.
I Jn 1:10; Rom 3:23