

Dig Deeper @Home – 1 John 1: 5-2:14

Complement to sermon on January 10

MEMORIZE

“We love because God first loved us” (1st John 4:19)

READ

Read 1 John 1:5-2:14

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What is this passage revealing about God and what is it revealing about us as humans?
2. Read 1 John 1:5 again. How is God like “light”?
3. Can you think of or find other verses in the Bible that speak of God as “light”?
4. What does “light” do for us that God also does for us?
5. What does “darkness” represent in this passage? What does it mean to “walk in darkness”? Read 1 John 2:7-11 – What characterizes someone who is walking in darkness? How about someone walking in the light?
6. Why is it important to be honest about our sins with others, ourselves and with God?
7. What does it mean to confess our sins to God? What does God promise to do for us when we do this? (1 John 1:9)
8. What does this passage say about Jesus and what He has done to bring us to the “light” and what does Jesus do for us now. (HINT – read 1 John 2:1-2)
9. READ 1 John 2:6 – What does it mean to “abide” in Jesus? As you read through 1 John, take note of the use of the word “abide”. Now read John 15:1-11 to get a fuller picture of what it means to “abide” in Christ.

Bottom Line (give a one or two sentence summary of the scripture you just read):

Experiential

Sometimes activities help us to understand and process biblical truths. The below are suggestions for how to experience the truths of 1st John 1:5-2:14. Feel free to use them or any you might come up with.

HEADBANDS of LIGHT

Materials needed: FIVE OR SIX 3X5 cards

Have one person in the family write down five or six different kinds of “lights” (street light, stop lights, flashlight, stars, sun, car headlights, fireplace etc)

Take turns picking a card and without looking at it, place it on your forehead with the word facing out. Have the others give you clues so you can guess the word on your forehead.

What is the point: This drives home the value of understanding the importance of light for warmth, safety, and direction and seeing. It reminds us that God is the source of the light in our world and Jesus is the light of the world.

LOVING ACTS – 1 John 2:10 – says, “Whoever loves his brother or sister abides in the light.”

Materials needed: An open heart.

Throughout the day, try to think of ways to love those around you in your family or at school or on the job. Do an act of kindness and try to do it without the person knowing it was you. It may be a note of encouragement, a special gift, a picture you draw and give them. In this way we practice Jesus commandment to love one another.

SING (a suggested song to sing. Use this or any song you might want to sing)

Shine, Jesus Shine <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7OlwSQmyCq4> As you sing this song, let it be a praise to God who is Light and a prayer asking the Holy Spirit to shine God’s light through your life today.

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and praise reports. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to show up in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the lesson: Read together Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.