

## Dig Deeper @Home – “Living 1<sup>st</sup> John”

### Complement to lesson on 11/3/24 – “Confess the Son”

#### ICE BREAKER – Questions to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered

1. If you had to fill your bedroom with 2 feet of pinecones or 2 feet of leaves for one week, which would you choose? Why?
2. On a scale of 1-10, how confident are you in your salvation? What might raise that number?

#### MEMORIZE – 1<sup>st</sup> John 2: 5-6

“But whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he (Jesus) walked.”

#### READ – 1<sup>st</sup> John 1

##### Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. Re-scan the text and consider...
  - a. What did the Holy Spirit draw your attention to as you read?
  - b. Is anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared? (If so... why might that be?)
  - c. What in these verses is interesting? What is confusing?
  - d. What are the verses revealing about God? What are the verses saying about people?
  - e. In light of these, what needs to change in your life? What are you already doing well?
2. John gives at least 4 reasons for writing the letter of 1<sup>st</sup> John within the letter itself. They can be found in 1 John 1:4, 2:1, 2:26, and 5:13.
  - a. What are his reasons? Do they form one main goal for communicating?
  - b. How do these affect how you read the letter?
  - c. 1 John is only 5 short chapters long. Read the entire book with an eye for how we should live in light of his main objective for writing it.
3. Refocus on verses 15-17. Are there areas where you are tempted to love the things of the world?
4. A lot of ink has been spilled over the years about “the antichrist.”
  - a. According to 1 John 2, who or what is the/an “antichrist?”
  - b. Are there antichrists today?

## **EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – Abide in the light.**

1 John 2:9-10 tells us that, “Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling.”

Think back over the last day, week, month, and year.

Would you say your actions reveal a deep love for others? Or perhaps something different? 😬

After honest reflection:

- If you find that you have not been very loving, repent, confessing your sin and coming into the light.
- Pray about what was revealed, asking the Father for more of His love.
- Consider ways to actively love the people God has put in your life.
  - o How is the Spirit compelling you to live?
- Thank the LORD for those who have reflected His love to you.

## **SING**

**Boldly I Approach** - <https://youtu.be/Xx94Fg4qZr8?si=UUQMW3hp04AAMrwg>

**Blessed Assurance** - <https://youtu.be/6GJF1ac37II?si=2TPfqJgm0ohS1YSa>

**In Christ Alone** - <https://youtu.be/FidnYSBq578?si=-n024FvG-OEigS9P>

**His Mercy is More** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W5EUvOnQr4Y>

## **PRAY**

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us. In the Spirit of Matthew 6:10, pray also that God’s “kingdom come, (His) will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”

### **Sending prayer based on the message:**

Heavenly Father, you are light and in You is no darkness at all. Holy Spirit, give me strength to walk in the light as you are in the light. Thank you, Jesus, that as I walk in the light, you bring me into fellowship with others and your blood cleanses us from all sin. Help me to live in confidence, knowing that my hope is in You.