

## LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

## 1 JOHN SERIES

These questions are for the **January 29, 2017** sermon, "Fellowship in the Light." Please read the sermon passage (1 John 1:5-7) together out loud.

### Sermon Outline:

#### RECOGNIZING THAT GOD IS LIGHT, NOTE . . .

1. **The nature of false fellowship, distinguished by darkness. (6)**
  - A. The message that, "God is Light" has existed from the beginning.
    - i. God is truth, which means that he is the measure of all things that are true.
    - ii. God is holy, which means that he is the measure of our every moral choice.
  - B. Anyone who walks in the dark does not have fellowship with God or with his people.
    - i. Walking in the dark is "insisting on making up your own mind about everything."
    - ii. Walking in the dark is, "insisting on living however I want to live."
  - C. If you are walking in the dark, Jesus calls you to repent.
2. **The nature of true fellowship, distinguished by light. (7)**
  - A. Walking in the light, means allowing God to dictate:
    - i. What we believe: truth is from him and for him.
    - ii. What we approve and how we live. Our moral choices.
    - iii. Walking in the light: "our internal and external pattern of life lines up with God."
  - B. Since we will not be perfect, how amazing is it to know that "the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanses us from all (not some) sins."
  - C. When we walk in the light, there is evidence that we belong to God. When we belong to God, we have fellowship with one another.

### Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: The message that "God is light" exists! We have it from the beginning, from the apostles and from the very lips of Jesus himself. Describe your joy and delight that we have the message, that it has never changed and that it ends controversies even today.
2. Based on #1, above: There are those who walk in the dark who want to make the case that they have fellowship with God and with the church. Why is it so important to be bold enough to challenge those who are walking in the dark?
3. Based on #2, above: None of us are without fault, and we never will be. But there is a joy and peace that comes from God when our internal and external pattern of life is "in the light." In what way has you have had to change your mind to walk in the light? In what way have you had to change your behavior? How have these changes produced joy (v. 4) and peace?
4. Based on #2, above: Christian fellowship is not based on externals such as simply embracing a similar cause. Christian fellowship is based on embracing God through the work of his Son, Jesus, and then walking in his light. Talk about the importance of fellowship in your life.