

DISCUSSION

1. What are some of the truths about God behind the phrase, “God is light”?
2. How does sin cause us to lose our assurance? Why would someone who walks in darkness claim to have fellowship with God?
3. How does fellowship with God keep us from darkness? How does darkness/sin keep us from God?
4. This passage teaches that all believers continue to sin in this life. What are we to do when we sin? Why is confession of our sins such an important part of both our prayer life and our ongoing walk with God?
5. What are some of the lies you’re tempted to believe when you sin? Why is coming clean with your sin—even if there are consequences— a better choice than trying to hide your sin in the darkness?
6. What does the practice of confession of sin look like in your life? How should it look?
7. Why are Christian community and accountability important in helping us walk in light rather than darkness? What are ways we can be more honest with one another about our struggles and sins (walking in the light)?
8. Who would you say is your greatest advocate and why? What makes a good advocate?

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP

1. When we do something wrong (i.e. sin), how should we respond to God? If we sin against another person, how should we respond to them?
2. How can you incorporate confession into your marriage and/or family?
3. What is an advocate? Why is it important to know that the Father sent Jesus to be our Advocate when we fail?
4. How can you be like Jesus and act as an advocate for others around you?

NEXT STEPS

- Practice a time of confession by reading Psalm 51 and confessing your own sins before the Lord. Afterwards, praise and thank Him for His mercy and cleansing you have through Jesus.
- Spend time with your Small Group, a family member, a friend, or someone you meet with for discipleship or accountability. Choose to walk in the light by sharing some of your current temptations with them. If you need to confess any sins, confess them and cling to God's restoring grace.