

Life Group Questions



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1 John 1:5–2:6

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GETTING TO KNOW ME

- Have you ever had to perform on stage or speak publicly? What was your experience like?
- What celebrities or public figures do you find interesting to hear about their lives? What about them?
- What passages of the Bible give you the most comfort? Which are the most unsettling?
- What positive experiences have you had with small groups or a Christian community? What was the group like?

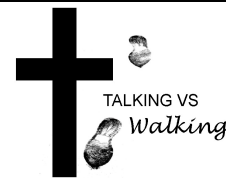
INTO THE BIBLE

- Read 1 John 1:5-2:6. Summarize the main points of the sermon.
- Read John 3:16-21. Discuss the impact that Jesus coming into the world as Light has on different people.
- Read Luke 11:34-36. What does it mean for your eyes to be good or bad? How does that affect your life?
- Why do you think it was important to John to specify in 1 John 1:5 that they had heard "this message" from Jesus (in relation to v1-4)?
- The Greek word at the root of the word for "fellowship" means common, shared, communal (see Acts 2:44). How does this help us understand "fellowship" with God and each other?
- Read Acts 2:42-47; Galatians 2:6-10; Philippians 3:7-11; 1 John 1:3. What is fellowship?
- Explain what atonement means (bonus points: explain propitiation).
- Read Psalm 32 (esp. vv 3-5). What is David's view of confession?
- Read James 5:13-16. What are some benefits of confession?
- Read James 2:14-19, 26. Why is faith w/o obedience not enough?
- Read Matthew 5:17-48. What areas in this sermon of Jesus do you find convicting?

APPLICATION

- Do you have someone you can confess your sins to? How did this relationship form?
- Would you feel like you could confess your sins in a Life Group? Why or why not?
- When did you first understand (or when have you very clearly understood) forgiveness through Jesus' sacrifice?
- How could other Christians help you to live in obedience to God?

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