

LIGHT & LOVE

WEEK 1: WALK IN THE LIGHT

Warm up question:

- What's the closest/strongest relationship you have in your life? What makes it so close?

Read 1 John 1:1-7

1. How do the words used here make you feel? What words stand out for you?
2. What is the main argument in verses 1-4? Who is the focus?
3. What is the choice presented to us in verses 5-7? What is at stake here?
4. What is this passage saying about light?
5. What is this passage saying about love?
6. 1 John was written to a church community rather than a specific person. What does this passage tell us about this church and its people?

Read 1 John 1:8-10

7. What is the choice presented to us here?
8. It seems that some in the church to whom John writes thought that they could be fully sinless in this life. What does this passage say about this idea?
9. In what ways in this passage loving and firm at the same time?
10. Can you confront someone's sin and love them at the same time? How?

Rubber hits the road:

- Memory Verse!
Write down **1 John 1:9** and place it somewhere you'll see it every day.
Memorise this verse and saying it to yourself every day.
As you do this, remind yourself of its truth – you are a forgiven child of God!

PRAYER

Jesus, you are the best news! We thank and praise you because you are unchanging, and you are always faithful. We are thankful that your love for us is abundant even though we don't always choose you and live lives that reflect your character and nature. Please help us to always walk in your light and willingly bring the darkness in our hearts into your ever forgiving presence. We pray that our joy may be complete as we look to you, our good and gracious King. Amen.

