

## “HOW TO HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD”

1 John 1:5 – 2:2

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*Fellowship with God and Christians is nurtured when sin is honestly confronted.*

### I. KNOW WHAT GOD SAYS ABOUT \_\_\_\_\_. 1:5

A. His \_\_\_\_\_.

B. God's \_\_\_\_\_.

### II. KNOW WHAT GOD SAYS ABOUT \_\_\_\_\_. 1:6 – 2:2

#### A. Do not lie to \_\_\_\_\_. 1:6-7

- The lie: It is possible to live in sin and still have fellowship with God.
- God's truth: Sin destroys fellowship with God.

#### B. Do not lie to \_\_\_\_\_. 1:8-9

- The lie: Sin is not a part of one's personal nature.
- God's truth: Instead of denying sin, Christians should confess their sins.

#### C. Do not lie about \_\_\_\_\_. 1:10 – 2:2

- The lie: The enlightened have never sinned.
- God's truth: All people are sinners, but believers have an Advocate.

### III. KNOW WHAT GOD SAYS ABOUT \_\_\_\_\_. 2:1-2

A. He is our \_\_\_\_\_. 1

B. He is our \_\_\_\_\_. 2

## LET'S DISCUSS!

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Questions for Further Learning in our Growth Groups

### OPEN

- Why might it be hard for someone to admit that he/she was wrong about something?
- About what do people (we) tend to deceive ourselves?

### UNPACK

- 1:5 What message did the writer hear and declare?
- 1:6 What inconsistency did John address?
- 1:7 What results from “walking in the light”?
- 1:8 How were some believers apparently deceiving themselves?
- 1:9 What is the result of confessing one's sins?
- 1:10 In what way can a person make God out to be a liar?
- 2:1 Why did John write this letter according to this verse?
- 2:2 For whom is Jesus an atoning sacrifice?

### UNDERSTAND

- In what way is God similar to light?
- What common practices today illustrate what John meant by walking in darkness?
- What practices illustrate walking in light?
- How can you be sure the you are walking in the light of God's truths?
- How does the promise of being purified from sin make you feel?
- Why would someone claim that he or she was without sin?
- Why is ongoing confession of sins important in a believer's relationship with God?
- What encouragement did John give to believers who struggle with sin?

### APPLY

- What specific steps will you take this week to walk in the light?
- What will you do to incorporate the confession of sins into your daily routine?