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Message Based Questions to help your personal Study & LifeGroup Discussions

CONNECTING: *Connecting to one another with a warm up question or through worship.*

As a child what do you remember about your room? Were you afraid of the dark?

EXPLORING IT: *Review the sermon outline and explore the message by using the following Q's which will help you dig in a little deeper and make sure you get the message.*

*The mission of the church is to transform the world through the life-changing message of Jesus for the glory of God.
By loving God, loving God's people and then loving the world.*

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What does it mean that God is light?

What does John mean by walking in the light?

What darkness have you been witness to?

What does sin do?

What can we do with our sin?

What consequences follow if we say we have not sinned (1John 1:8,10)?

What cleanses us of sin? What must we do to be forgiven?

What do you think it means when John says His Word is not in us? (1 John 1:10)

What kind of person do you want to be as a result of this study?

How are you falling short? Is there a sin that has been exposed as a result of this study/discussion?

How can we specifically pray for you today?



PRAY IT: *Now that you have connected, explored and applied it—it is now time to tap into the power of prayer individually throughout the week as well as corporately praying for one another. Perhaps by sharing the real life challenges and blessings with one another this will help people see what God can do in their lives and will lead them into a plan of action.*

Warren Wiersbe writes:

Every form of life has its enemies. Insects have to watch out for hungry birds, and birds must keep an eye on hungry cats and dogs. Even human beings have to dodge automobiles and fight off germs.

The life that is real also has an enemy, and we read about it in this section. This enemy is *sin*. Nine times in these verses John mentions sin, so the subject is obviously not unimportant. John illustrates his theme by using the contrast between light and darkness: God is light; sin is darkness.

But there is another contrast here too—the contrast between *saying* and *doing*. Four times John writes, “If we say” or “He that saith” (1 John 1:6, 8, 10; 2:4). It is clear that our Christian life is to amount to more than mere “talk”; we must also “walk,” or *live*, what we believe. If we are in fellowship with God (if we are “walking in the light”), our lives will back up what our lips are saying. But if we are living in sin (“walking in darkness”), then our lives will contradict what our lips are saying, making us hypocrites.

Keep Pressing On!

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