

Sermon Discussion Guide

READ

Read 1 John 1:1–10 aloud and consider making some observations about the passage.

Sermon Recap: *In the space below, write down the primary truths that stood out to you.*

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GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What physical senses does John evoke as he writes about the disciples' face-to-face time with Jesus (vv. 1–3)? In what way does this shape how we think of Christ?
2. Why does John say he is “proclaiming” (v. 3) and “writing” (v. 4) this letter? How do the statements in 1 John relate to *your* “joy” (v. 4)? In your life, does any of this affect your joy?
3. John has three “if we say” statements (vv. 6, 8, 10). What do these teach us about false ways of fellowship with God and others? How can we avoid these mistakes?
4. John weaves in two phrases that describe the way we should walk with God (vv. 7, 9). How can we encourage one another in our group to grow in these?

Weekly Response Questions	Prayer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Reflect: What does “God is light” mean in 1 John 1:5?<input type="checkbox"/> Respond: What is one way you can encourage others to walk in the light this week?<input type="checkbox"/> Reach: Who in your life doesn’t have fellowship with the Father (v. 3)? How can you proclaim the truth to them faithfully?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Pray that God would keep our church from walking in darkness and make us a people who love the light.<input type="checkbox"/> Ask God to give us genuine fellowship with him and each other as a church. Pray that he would complete our joy (v. 4).