



## Reflection and Discussion Guide - Week 3

### 1 John 1:5-2:2

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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1. What does it mean that "God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all"? Why is it important for us to understand that God is holy? What does God demand of those who seek to have fellowship with Him?
2. What keeps us from being holy and having fellowship with God? What is the only way for us to overcome sin and become holy in God's sight?
3. What does John say about those who claim to have fellowship with God but continue to walk in darkness? What does this teach us about faith? What should motivate us to "walk in the light as God is in the light," and why?
4. Why is it so important for us to acknowledge our guilt and confess our sins to God? How has confession helped sustain your fellowship with God?
5. In what way(s) is Jesus our "advocate"? How is this connected to Him being the propitiation for our sins? What happens when we recognize all that Jesus has done for us?