

ONE LIGHT: 5 RELATIONAL REALITIES THAT LIGHT EXPOSES

For the week of November 29, 2020

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1 John 1:1-10

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

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.

MESSAGE POINTS:

1. The Light Exposes **Eternal** Relationship (vs 1-2)
2. The Light Exposes **Genuine** Relationship (vs 3)
3. The Light Exposes **Complete** Relationship (vs 4)
4. The Light Exposes **Transformational** Relationship (vs 5-7)
5. The Light Exposes **Fraudulent** Relationship (vs 8-10)

GOAL:

For the light to expose the authenticity of our relationship with God and with others.

GET GOING:

- As we enter a unique Christmas season, what are you most excited about?
- Do you have a tendency to struggle relationally? Why or why not?
- What does it mean to have fellowship with God? Others?
- Look at verse 7. How does our 'walking in the light' or in darkness impact our fellowship with one another?
- Look at verse 4. On a scale of 1-10 where is your joy barometer? Why?
- There is no middle ground between light and darkness. Where do you see yourself trying to justify your sin?
- Look at verse 9. What does it mean to confess your sin? What is the result?
- What has the light of this incredible passage revealed in and to you about your relationships with God and others?

KEEP GROWING:

- Turn to Matthew 25:14-30 (Parable of the Talents)
- What does this passage reveal about stewarding?
- What are the benefits of being a faithful steward?
- Turn to Colossians 3:23-24
- What does it mean to work heartily for the Lord?
- What inheritance does the believer receive for this type of work?
- Who are you serving ultimately? How should this impact the manner of your service?

GET GROUNDED:

- Read verses 7-9 again. Why is confession important to you?
- What do you need relationally during this difficult time period?
- Do you have anything that you need to confess to God or to someone else?
- Take a minute to discuss how you can hold one another accountable and encourage each other throughout the week.

MEMORY VERSE:

1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."