



MESSAGE

STUDY GUIDE

GROUP MATERIAL

SONGS

Community Group Material:

Ask one person to pray at the beginning of your meeting.

Check-in

Check in with each other about how everyone is doing.

Bible Reading: 1 John 1:3, 6-2:2

Sermon Summary:

John, in 1:3 makes it clear that we have been invited into fellowship with God. He also makes it clear that if we are in active fellowship with God we would never say we have no sin or that we have not sinned. If we believe that, we are lying & calling God a liar. If we do sin, we have the blood of Jesus as an assurance that the satisfying sacrifice has been made to God on our behalf, & that all we need to do is confess that sin so our fellowship with God is restored. John assures us even more in 1 Jn. 2:1-2, where he says that if we sin we have an advocate & the atoning sacrifice, Jesus Christ the righteous one. We can't possibly hope to be reconciled to God by anything we can do. We simply need to cling to our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Discussion:

1. What assurances does John list in verses 6-10 of chapter 1, & the first two verses of chapter 2? Once you digest what Jesus has done for you, how assured are you that you are still a child of God even

when you sin?

2. Can you recall a time when you denied your sin? What was that like as you held tightly to your denial?
3. What is wrong with doing penance, praying to saints in heaven, or trying to do good to make amends to God because of your sin? (Your answer may be that they are all unscriptural, & you're correct. But go beyond that answer. Why else are they wrong?)
4. Why is Jesus being your Advocate with the Father so assuring to you when you sin?
5. Why does John call Jesus the righteous one? How does that fact help to assure you?
6. Jesus is the atoning sacrifice for our sins & the sins of the whole world. What do we need to stand upon from this verse, & what mistake must we be aware of?
7. How is Jesus being our atoning sacrifice an expression of God's love? (see 1 Jn. 4:10 & Jn 3:16)

End with Prayer.

- Pray for each one to be assured in who Jesus is & in what he has done for us
- Pray for one another's concerns.