



1st John

Part 2 - How to Walk In the Light

Sermon Recap

Conversation Starters:

- Why do you think it's important for believers to study God's Word each day?
- When one devotionally reads God's Word, what objectives do you think would be most beneficial for a believer to pursue during that time?
- How can these objectives be achieved so reading doesn't become a mundane task, but an opportunity to learn, live, and love, the Word?

Ask your group members to share their favorite points from the sermon, what stood out to them, a phrase or moment from the sermon they related to the most, or questions they have. If your members have a hard time remembering, share your notes and favorite points.

Reflect:

1.) Read [1st John 5:13](#) and [1st John 2:1](#) NIV: Pastor Jason shared three approaches to sin: We can try to "**Cover Our Sins**" - [1st John 1:5-6](#) and [John 3:20](#) NIV. We can "**Confess Our Sins**" - [1st John 1:7-9](#) NIV. We can "**Conquer Our Sins**" - [1st John 2:1-2](#) NIV.

Share a common mindset for each of the three approaches above and potential results for having each mindset. (**Which approach is best and why?**)

What does one obtain from conquering a sin that covering and confessing a sin doesn't provide?

2.) Pastor Jason identified three definitive works of the Atonement: The **Penalty, Power, and Presence** of sin. Atonement (Defined): To suffer the penalty for sin thereby removing the effects of sin from a sinner.

Share the significance of atonement in each of the three areas, (penalty, power, and presence) as it relates to what the atonement of Jesus Christ paid for and what we receive through it.

3.) Pastor Jason provided three ways for us to walk in the light: I grow to "**Love God's Commands.**" - [1st John 2:3-6](#) NIV. I learn to "**Love God's Family.**" - [1st John 2:9-11](#), [1st John 3:14](#) NIV. I adopt a "**Biblical World View.**" - [1st John 2:15-17](#) NIV - [Ephesians 2:1-2](#) NLT and [1st John 3:10](#) NKJV.

How will you learn to love God's commands? Love His family? View the world Biblically? (A plan without action fails. Action without a plan often fails. Make a plan and execute that plan with intentionality to succeed.)





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Apply It:

As we live lives of truth we realize all that we do should honor God and honor the people He loves. The measure of truth and righteousness resides in God's Word. In His word is where we must remain rooted and obedient. As children of light, God calls us to walk in the light. We walk in the light by passionately loving God and authentically loving others. Our morality should be defined by God's Word. Identify what God wants to call you out of so you can live in greater truth. Identify any barrier that's preventing you from loving God's commands and His family. Study God's Word to show yourself approved. Study daily to renew your mind and walk biblically over reacting emotionally. Wield the Word of God in your life.

Prayer Requests and Closing Prayer:

Ask your group members if they have a prayer request. Write them down and continue to pray for them during the week:

Lord, You are a God of truth, purity, and love. Your Word to us is Your guide and gift to us because You love us. Our surrender to Your sovereign will paves the way for our obedience to You. When we obey You, we walk in the light. The more we walk in light, the more we find Your love. When we find Your love we begin living in and through Your love. We are grown in Your love and others become the beneficiaries of Your love. Your way is undeniably better. May we all make great strides in the light so we may shine Your love brightly for the world to see, in Christ we pray, amen.