

Community of Love

1 John 1:1-10

PODS Small Group Discussion Questions

1. Read 1 John 1:1-10 out loud. What was your most important takeaway from Sunday's sermon?
2. John emphasized that he and others heard, saw, looked upon, and even had physical contact with Jesus, the “word of life” (1 John 1:1). Why is it important that John and others heard, saw, and touched Jesus, and didn't just relate a story someone else told?
3. John said that he was proclaiming this message “so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed, our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ” (Read 1 John 1:3; John 17:3). Is this a new concept for you? Explain.
4. How can we as a community best express the fellowship that the gospel creates? What would it look like to love one another in our everyday lives?
5. Overall, how is your Christian community? What would you like it to stay the same? What would you like to see changed?
6. The Greek word for “confession” literally means “to say the same thing” or “to agree.” How does this shed light on your understanding or change things for you.
7. Why are both confession and obedience necessary for a truly loving community? How does John describe the Christian life in 1 John 1:9?
8. How does your faith in Jesus change your view of sin? Is it possible to have faith in God and continue living in sin? Why or why not?