

The Abiding Life

Discussion Guide

Week of September 17 - **"Jesus' Death & our Life"**

Scripture verse: 1 John 1:5-2:2

LOOKING BACK:

1. Last time, we talked about historical events we didn't attend but have no doubt occurred.
2. We also scheduled time in our day to fellowship with Jesus. Were you able to live this out? What did that look like?
3. We also broke out in groups to talk about how to best fellowship with other believers. Share what ideas worked best for you this past week? If you weren't able to accomplish it, talk about how you can live it out this week.

OPENING QUESTION: Can you imagine tasking yourself with putting furniture together without the informative booklet or trying to start a puzzle without the picture on the box? When it comes to being successful, what makes these tasks easier?

(Instructions or guidance!)

LOOKING UP:

1. Have someone in the group read 1 John 1:5-2:2
2. John gives two clearcut instructions in this passage. What does he list out for us as believers? (*Walking in the Light and confessing our sins.*)

3. John clearly calls out living in darkness. What might this darkness have looked like in the early church? What struggles do you think he was addressing? How do you think this differs or is the same from what we're living in 2023?
4. Do you confess your sin to Jesus on a routine basis? If you do, what does that look like? If you don't, what holds you back? What could help you start a practice of confession?

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| <p>READ THE PASSAGE 1 John 1:5-2:2</p> <p>Answer the first 2 questions after reading the passage</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What stood out to you most? 2. What was challenging or hard to understand? 3. What does this teach us about God? 4. What does this teach us about people? | <p>RE-READ THE PASSAGE</p> <p>Read the passage again using another Bible translation... then answer the last 2 questions</p> |
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LOOKING FORWARD:

In verses 2:1-2, John tells us that Jesus is our atoning sacrifice for our sins. That we can go to Him as our advocate when we sin.

1. Given this fact, how often do you think Jesus would like to hear from us and how often should we be confessing our sin to Him?
2. Before we meet again, go into the Church Center app or online and look at the sermon resources tab. Under the Sept 17 sermon, there are links with Steps to Confession and Language of Confession. Use those tools to help you in confessing sin. We'll check in next time to see how that has helped each of us start practicing confessing our sins to our Lord and Savior.