

Groups Discussion Guide

1 John Week 5: 1 John 1:5-7

Pastor Craig re-visited the three main reasons why John writes his letter and focuses on the importance of knowing that it is not ok to sin.

- 1) He wanted us to know that our joy would be full.
- 2) So that we would know not to sin.
- 3) That we would know that we are saved.

John cautions us against loving sin and God, as light and darkness can't exist at the same time.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. What are some of your favorite hobbies?
2. With Ash Wednesday coming up next week, have you thought of what you wanted to fast from and why?

SERMON NOTES REVIEW *(This section never changes)*

Looking back at your sermon notes from this weekend's teaching, was there anything said that caught your attention, challenged you or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

- 1) Pastor Craig talked about how our attitude towards sin is more self-centered than God-centered. Have you experienced this? Have you had a time in your life when you experienced minimizing your sin and magnifying someone else's sin?
- 2) Read Matthew 7:3-5. What do these verses mean to you? Have you ever felt a time in your life where you have felt someone has magnified your sins? How can we apply this positively to our own life?
- 3) Pastor Craig mentioned that we can often misunderstand living by faith to mean that no effort at holiness is required on our part. What does this statement mean to you? Has there ever been a time in your life where you struggled with wanting to do what you wanted to do and disregard what God wanted you to do?
- 4) Read Colossians 3:25. What does being a follower of Jesus mean to you? What responsibilities do we have as Christians?

TAKING IT HOME

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- 1) Are there areas in your life that you need to work on eliminating sin that you may have not been taking seriously?
- 2) 1 Peter 5:8-9 talks about standing firm in our faith and resisting the devil. What are some practical applications we can use on a daily basis to give us the strength to fight Satan?

PRAYER TIME

Give a guided prayer instruction to tie it all together. Be mindful of the time it would take larger groups to get through the prayer exercise. I can be simple.

ACTION STEPS

At Crossroads we always encourage people to take their next step. We want to offer that to all groups here in the guide. Have no clue? Leave it blank and I'll be sure to fill it in!

Likely, there will be a challenge from Pastor Chuck/Criag we can reinforce. I will do my best to keep this team up to date on all Church activities and opportunities. Have no clue? Leave it blank and I'll be sure to fill it in!