

## Group Discussion Guide

### 1 John: Week 6 John 1:6-2:2

Pastor Steven explained that John wrote this letter to believers. In this chapter he is drawing a line in the sand. He is setting the record straight. He is trying to explain to the Church that if you are a follower of Jesus- you CANNOT love the world and love God.

You cannot love light & darkness. We can't knowingly sin & love our sin... and claim to LOVE GOD.

Tony Evans puts it like this:

"A ship belongs in the water, but the water doesn't belong in the ship. You are to be in the world, but the world should not be in you." – Tony Evans

John is trying to clean up the confusion and debunk a few of the lies that are circulating.

### Getting to Know You

Would you prefer to go to the beach or mountains?

### Digging Deeper

- Read 1 John 1:6-2:2.

What is John contrasting in v1:6?

Can you love both God and sin?

Describe what fellowship with God looks like according to the scripture. Reflect on your heart's posture. Do your actions reflect what you say in regards to your love of God?

- What does the word fellowship mean? How is our fellowship with each other brought about?

Fellowship is the Greek word- "Koinonia", which means a close relationship, communion, participation; Our fellowship with each other is brought about by living in the light, as God is in the light.

- Read Hebrews 12:14

What does holiness mean?

What does that look like?

Where does holiness start in our life?

*Holiness is the word "hagiasmos", which is the effect of consecration and sanctification of heart and life.*

- What are the Gnostics of the day saying that shows up in 1 John 1:8?

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What does Romans 3:23 say?

- In 1 John 1:9 What does it say we do if we claim we haven't sinned in?

Read 1 John 2:1-2

When we sin, Who can Jesus be for us?

### **Action items**

Pastor Steve told a story about Asbury college and the revival that is going on there. He shared that the revival was more than just students who were caught up in an awesome message and just wanted to see their school change. It actually began because one student stood in front of his peers and confessed his sins to God and other people. He was asking for forgiveness and out of that grew passion and praise for weeks long. Revival starts when repentant hearts confess their sin. John says to Confess your sin to God – Call it what God calls it to Him. When we confess we are cleansed.

Are there things you need to confess to God? Take a moment to give people in you Group the opportunity to confess and be cleansed by God.

### **Prayer Time**

Take some time praying prayers of praise to God for the forgiveness of our sins and the gift of His grace.