

WALKING IN THE LIGHT • 1 JOHN 1:5-9

1. John makes the statement that God is light. What do you think he means by this? What is the purpose of light in everyday life?
2. In Scripture, what does light represent about God?
3. As these two ideas combine, what do they tell us about God?
4. If God is light, why can't we have fellowship with Him and walk in the darkness?
5. In this context, what does it mean to walk in the darkness? What does it mean to walk in the light?
6. How are verses 6-7 related to verses 8-9?
7. What is the parallel to "walking in the light"?
8. John states that when we "walk in the light ... we have fellowship with one another." How does unconfessed sin affect our fellowship with other Christians? Was there a time you experienced this?

9. The Greek word for confession meant literally “to say the same thing along with someone.” What insight does this give to what is involved in confession and to whom we should confess?

10. In addressing the issue of confession, John underscores that God is “faithful and just.” Why does he emphasize this?

11. John does not comment on frequency. When and how often do you confess your sins during the day?

12. How are we forgiven for sins we commit of which we are not aware?

Memory Verse:

1 John 1:9 “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”