



Small Group Guide: Fellowship with God (1 John 1:1-10)

Opening Prayer

Key Takeaways:

1. We are invited into a real and personal relationship with God.
2. Fellowship with God produces a joy that cannot be matched by this world.
3. Sin is a terminal disease that's part of our nature and the choices we make.
4. God forgives and cleanses us when we confess our sins.

Discussion Questions:

1. The sermon mentions that we're "invited into a real and personal relationship, an intimate fellowship with God." What does this mean to you personally? How does this concept challenge or encourage you?
2. John writes that fellowship with God leads to complete joy. How have you experienced joy through your relationship with God, especially during difficult times?
3. The sermon discusses misconceptions about sin. How do you typically view sin in your own life? Do you tend to ignore it, obsess over it, or something else?
4. Reflect on the story of the Prodigal Son. How does this parable illustrate God's attitude towards us when we confess our sins?
5. The speaker mentions that "if you've ever confessed the same sin twice, you've confessed one too many times." How does this statement impact your understanding of God's forgiveness?
6. In light of recent world events mentioned in the sermon, how does our fellowship with God help us navigate through dark and troubling times?

Practical Applications:

1. This week, set aside time each day for personal reflection. Examine areas in your life where you might be "walking in darkness" and bring these to God in confession.
2. Practice gratitude by keeping a joy journal. Each day, write down one way you've experienced joy through your relationship with God.
3. Reach out to someone who might be struggling with guilt or shame. Share the message of God's forgiveness and cleansing with them.
4. Memorize 1 John 1:9: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Closing Prayer:

Thank God for His invitation to fellowship and His promise of forgiveness. Ask for His help in walking in the light and experiencing the joy of a close relationship with Him.