

Sermon Discussion - 15 January 2023

Read 1 John 1:5-10 together.

Getting Started *Sharing from personal experience*

- In 1 John 1:1 we can see that John gained his knowledge about Jesus directly from Jesus. According to verse 2, John did what three things with that knowledge?
- How have you learned your knowledge about Jesus and what do you do with it?
- What challenges you the most in “doing something” with your knowledge and experience of Jesus?

Observation *Discovering the context*

At the time of 1 John, a form of religious heresy was being taught to influence Christians called “Gnosticism.” Name at least one form of false teaching that Christians must guard against today.

Have you ever been influenced by or had a personal experience with a false teacher or false teaching? Describe that.

Interpretation *Discovering the meaning*

1. Many people know things about God but have no fellowship with Him. In your own words, what does “fellowship with God” mean? How does one move from “knowledge about God” to fellowship with Him?
2. Read 1 John 1:6-10. What three “claims” can a Christian make that are untrue?
3. The three claims you discovered above all point to John’s premise that engaging in sin results in breaking our “fellowship” with God. Have you ever experienced a period of broken fellowship with God? How did it affect your life?
4. In your own words, what is “confession” and why is it so essential and precious to the Christian?

Application *Putting knowledge into practice*

- What action is the Lord prompting you to take this week as a result of being in His Word?

- Try memorising 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.

- How has God blessed you and answered prayer this week?