

1 John: 1 John 1:2:3-11  
Discussion Guide, August 23, 2020  
Next week's text: 1 John 2:12-17

**CHECK UP:**

Memory Work Review: *My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.* – 1 John 2:1-2

- How did you consciously “walk in the light” this past week?

**OPEN:**

- How important is the church to a Christian's life? Optional? Highly Recommended? Essential? Or something else?
  - o Why do you think so?
- How important is caring for others in the church?

**READ and ASK: 1 John 2:3-11**

- What is the relationship between God's love and a Christian's obedience?
- How can the command to love God and others be new and old at the same time?
  - o How is the truth of this command seen in Jesus?
- What are the two tests given in this passage for determining how one really knows God (2:5, 10)?
- What does 2:6 say about what a Christian's life fruit should look like?
- According to John, how important does the church seem to be to a Christian's life?
  - o How is the church more than just a church service?

**APPLY:**

- How are you doing with the two tests given in 2:5 and 2:10?
- How do you need to change the way you relate to fellow believers in order to develop a deeper relationship with God?
- How does 1 John 2:6 challenge your Christian life? How does it challenge your character? How does it “raise the bar” for you?
  - o NEXT STEP: What one clear action step do you need to take in response to this passage?

*Memory Work: We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. Whoever says, “I know him,” but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did. – 1 John 2:3-6*