



Growth Groups: Week 1 (1/21-25)

Confession: What do you need to confess? (Here are some questions to help you examine ways you might not be believing the Gospel).

- Where do you run for comfort?
- Whose approval are you seeking?
- Are you struggling with purity or lust?

Learning: What are you learning?

- What are you reading in the Bible?
- What did you learn about God? What did you learn about the Gospel?
- How is consistency?

Accountability: How can your Growth Group hold you accountable this week?

- This ties in with the confession questions. This is a practical way to walk together to identify sin and pursue sanctification together.
- How can your Growth Group help point each other to the Gospel daily? Come up with practical ways to follow through.
 - For example: Having a hard time being consistent with reading the Bible? Create a group text to check in.

Prayer & Praise: How can we pray for you? What are you praising God for?

Scripture Memory: 1 John 1:3 – “...that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed, our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.”

1 John 1:1-4

Read text together.

Discuss on the text:

- John calls Jesus “the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest (appeared) to us.” What does it imply about Jesus to call Him “the life”?
- Compare 1 John 1:2 to the way Jesus defines eternal life in John 17:3.
- What does John insist is true about “the life” (Jesus) in 1:1-3?
- Why is it crucial that “the life appeared” to men and women on earth?
- John gives two connected reasons why he is proclaiming his message to his readers. What are his reasons (1:3 and 1:4)?

Application:

- What difference does it make to you that Jesus is the eternal life? How should this fact affect your life?
- A witness is qualified to testify only about what he knows firsthand. No one alive today is an eyewitness to the Resurrection; the New Testament is our eyewitness testimony. However, what are you qualified to testify about concerning Jesus and His work in your life / around you?