



Growth Groups: Week 3 (2/4-8)

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

- What lies are you subtly believing that undermine the truth of the Gospel?

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?

- **Who have you shared the Gospel with 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.

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

Scripture Memory: 1 John 2:4-6 – “Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, ⁵but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: ⁶whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.”

1 John 2:3-17

Read text together & summarize it

Discuss on the text:

- Why is it a lie to claim to know God without obeying Him (2:4)?
 - Optional: See Exodus 34:5-8, Deuteronomy 10:14-22
- In light of 1:8-10, does John mean that we know God only if we perfectly keep all His commands? What does he mean?
- Why does obedience make the love for God perfect (complete, fulfilled) in a person (2:5)?
- How does John define obedience to God in 2:6?
- How has Jesus given the old command new meaning?
- Why can't we love both the world and the Father (2:15)?
 - Optional: see Luke 16:13, 1 John 2:16

Application:

- Do you ever wonder whether you really know God? How can you be sure that you do?
- How does 2:4 guide us in discerning which teachers of Christianity we should listen to? How can we decide what is truth?
- What area of your life do you most need to walk improve in walking as Jesus did? What can you do about this, and what help do you need from God / other believers?
- Is there anyone that you are failing to love?
- Choose one of the assurances in 2:12-14 and explain why it is encouraging to you.