

1 John 1:5-2:2 Message Follow-Up Questions

- (1) Does sin ever shake your confidence in your relationship with God? Are there other things that shake your confidence?

- (2) Please read 1 John 2:12-13. What observations can you make about forgiveness from these verses?

- (3) Please read John 1:4-9. What does light do? What does light offer? If the light is being revealed and must be proclaimed (1 John 1:5), what does that say about the world we live in and about us? What insight might Isaiah 8:22-9:2 offer on the subject? What does this great light bring (Isaiah 9:3-7)?

- (4) Why would John say claiming fellowship with God and living in the darkness is a lie (1 John 1:6)? Why would walking in the light create fellowship between people (1 John 1:7)? Agree or disagree: The health or quality of our human relationships tells us about our relationship with God. Why?

- (5) Please read Galatians 5:16-18. How would you summarize Paul's message in these verses? Should we feel the tension suggested by these verses? What does it mean if we do not sense a tension between the desires of the flesh and the desires of the Spirit? How does Galatians 5:25 suggest we should approach life? How can we keep in step with the Spirit?

- (6) Please read 1 John 1:10. Why would our denying we sin make God a liar? How would God describe us or identify us? Should sin have any influence on our own identity? Why or why not? What do verses like 2 Corinthians 5:17, Galatians 2:20, and 1 John 2:2 contribute to our thinking on the issue of sin and our identity?

- (7) Please read Genesis 3:1-8. Would you say Adam and Eve were confident as this story unfolded? Is it fair to say that when our sin is known we feel exposed and lack confidence? Please read Ephesians 4:20-24 and Colossians 3:12-14. What are we offered in Christ? Does God offer us new clothes for confidence? Are you wearing what God has provided?