



# HTC SMALL GROUP

## *Discussion Questions*

**Sermon Title:** God is Light

**Sermon Date:** November 12, 2017

**Scripture:** 1 John 1:1-10

**Speaker:** Pastor Matt Peca

1. At the time of writing his epistles, the apostle John was over 90 years old and was still being used by God in incredible ways. What does this tell you as a believer in Christ? Have you ever listened to the lie that God is done using you?
2. It's been close to 50-60 years since Jesus' death at the time of writing 1 John. Jerusalem and the Temple have been destroyed, Christians are being martyred, false teachers and cults are infiltrating thought and practice on a new generation of believers. Do you think this is happening in the church today? How so?
3. Gnosticism was perhaps the most dangerous heresy that threatened the church at the time of John's writing. They believed that *physical matter* was corrupt, thus Jesus was a spiritual being, not physical. How does this heresy impact the Christian faith? What does John point to in (vs.1-3)? What are some ways that Jesus was proven to be 100% man?
4. What do you think it means that God is light (v.5)?
5. Consider reading the following verses: (James 1:17; 1 Pet 2:9; John 8:12, 12:46; 1 Tim 6:16; Isa 2:5; Eph 5:8; 1 Thes 5:5). What stands out to you as you read through each verse?
6. It was mentioned that "Walking in the light, as He is in the light" is also a call to follow Jesus where He leads. In what areas of your life do you tend to have a hard time following Jesus?
7. Because Gnostic's believed that all things physical were essentially corrupt and evil, they believed that anything done in the body, even the most wicked of sins, did not effect their spiritual life. How does John combat this way of thinking (vs.6-10)?
8. John speaks about the importance of confession (v.9). Is confession a part of your walk with the Lord? How have you seen the benefit of confession in your life?