

January 18th-19th, 2020 Sermon
“God is Light”

1 John 1:5-10

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⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

- 1) How do you think our view of God affects the way we look at what it means to obey Him? How does the reality that “God is Light” form our view of what it means to look at Him?
- 2) What do you think that it means to walk “in the light?” How would you use this reality to counsel a friend who is claiming to follow Jesus but not living a life consistent with that call?
- 3) On Sunday, Pastor Brandon described the dangers of legalism. When you think of legalism, what images come to mind? Where are you most tempted towards legalism in your journey? How are those fears based in our views of who God is?
- 4) Read 1 Timothy 4:1-4. What does Paul identify as the doctrine of “demons?” Why do you think this view is the polar opposite of the Gospel?
- 5) Of the extremes of licentiousness and legalism, which are you most tempted towards and why? What do you need to be reminded about the character of God in these struggles? How can this group encourage you in those truths?