

## Light Walking

How Do You Recognize a Christian?

*Life in Light of 1 John*

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### **Three deceptions:**

1. Deceiving others
2. Deceiving yourself
3. Deceiving God

## Questions for Personal Reflection & Group Discussion

### **1. Read 1 John 1:5.**

Light is a common theme throughout scripture. In what way does this description of God help you understand who He is?

As those who seek to follow Jesus, we should be full of light. And yet, we all have areas of darkness. In what area do you struggle to allow the light of Christ to eliminate the darkness in your life?

“Light and dark cannot coexist in the same place. If we are walking in the light, the darkness has to go. If we are holding on to sin, then the light goes. There is no middle ground, no vague “gray” areas where sin is concerned.” Warren Wiersbe

Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Why?

### **2. Read 1 John 1:6-7.**

Why is it important to base our understanding of sin from what God says rather than from culture?

In what ways do you deceive or lie to others about who you really are?

How does being honest about who we are impact our relationships with others?

### **3. Read 1 John 1:8-9 and Hebrews 11:6.**

Sin isn't just doing the things we shouldn't. It's also not doing the things we know God is asking us to do. How might God be asking you to grow your faith? What risk is He asking you to take?

What justifications do you use to excuse your sin?

### **4. Read 1 John 1:10-2:2 and 1 John 2:10.**

What does it mean to you that the penalty for your sin has been paid by the blood of Jesus, and that He now stands before God as your Advocate? How does that truth impact the way you think about the sin that you face in your daily life?

How will you choose to walk in more of His light this week?