



# SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Speaker: Chris Royalty // Sunday: May 15, 2022

- 1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study.
- 2) Read 1 John 1:1-10 together.
- 3) What stuck out to you as you read? Is there anything you don't understand? Is there anything you'd like to discuss?
- 4) Why does John emphasize both Jesus' humanity and His deity at the beginning of this letter? How might we go astray if we do not affirm both truths?
- 5) In verse 3, John talks about fellowship with Jesus, and his desire for others to have fellowship with Jesus. How does an encounter with Jesus fuel missions?
- 6) How is Christian fellowship similar to and different from simple friendship?
- 7) Some theologians maintain that the very purpose of life is to experience and express joy in a relationship with God. Do you agree? What does it mean for joy to be "complete"?
- 8) When you think of holiness, do you see it as a burdensome obligation or as a blessing and a joy? How is holiness often misunderstood?
- 9) Why is assurance important for the believer? What are the grounds of our assurance?
- 10) How has our culture come to take sin lightly? How do we do this in our own lives?
- 11) Why is it important to realize that the gospel message has not changed?
- 12) Light is a common theme in Scripture. How does the image of light help you understand who God is?
- 13) Why is it important to get our idea of sin from what God says rather than from our culture?

- 14) What is the relationship between belief and action according to John? What do your actions say about your relationship with Christ?
- 15) Why should Christians be marked by continual confession of sin?
- 16) End your time in prayer. Ask God to help you apply the things you've discussed and learned during this time of study.

\* Some of these questions taken from, Daniel L. Akin, *Exalting Jesus in 1,2,3 John* (Nashville, TN: Holman Reference, 2014).