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Seeing the Need 1 John 1:5-10 Pastor Kirk Gambrell

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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

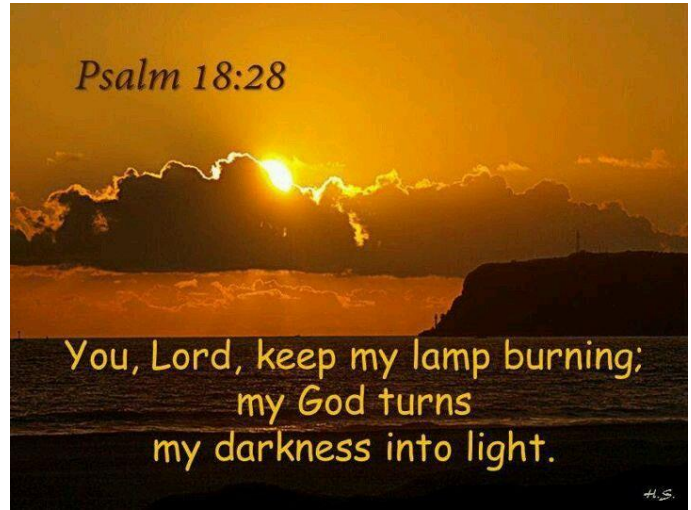
What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

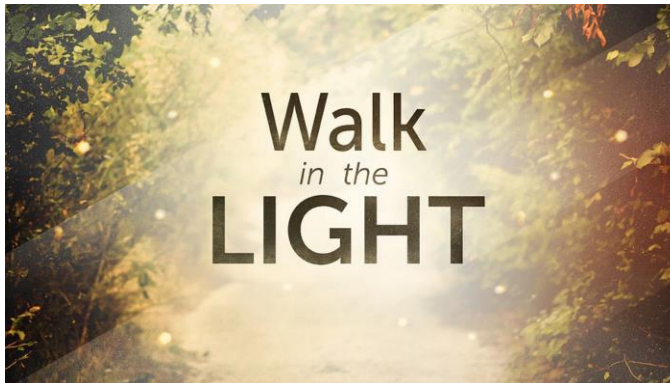
What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week we will look at the second half of the first chapter of 1 John. John has declared that he was an eyewitness of Christ, who came as the Savior of the world. In this week's passage John shares the message that he heard from Jesus. God is perfect, righteous, and holy. John tells us that these characteristics are described as walking in the light and instructs us to walk in the light as Jesus is in the light. He also says that we all have sin. If you say you have no sin then you are a liar and you are making Jesus out to be a liar. So the question for us is how do we walk in the light if we have sin? Verse 9 also brings up the question about how we are forgiven. Is confession a requirement for forgiveness? Join us this week as we explore what it means for us to walk in the light despite our sin.



1 John 1:5-10 (NASB)

God Is Light

⁵This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with Him and *yet* walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; ⁷but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one

another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.

🕯 EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?

6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?

7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

🕒 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)

What does God MEAN?

8. What is the message that John is announcing about God?

9. What does it mean to walk in darkness?

10. Looking at verse 9 is confession a requirement for forgiveness?

11. According to this text do we all sin? If so, how do we walk in the light?

12. What cleanses us from unrighteousness and sin?

③ **EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)

Why does this MATTER to me?

13. We know we are all sinners so, what is the difference between walking in the darkness and walking in the light?

14. How can we teach non-believers that we should walk in the light when our righteousness comes from Christ, not our actions?

15. Why is it important for us to realize and admit we have sin?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

Sermon Notes