



SPIRITUAL GROWTH AT THE PEAK

SERIES: LESSONS ON THE LOVE OF CHRIST IN US

Lesson #2: “Love is Evidenced in Our Walk of Faith”

1 John 1:5-10

Announcements and opening prayer.



Connect: an opportunity for people to immediately interact and connect with each other; icebreaker/attention getters. **Icebreaker:** What are some examples of choices that have severe consequences?

We don't want bad consequences from our choices. That is especially true in our faith walk. Everyone makes some mistakes, so how do we know that we are truly walking in a sincere faith?

The Bottom Line: Love walks in the light of Christ.

LESSON PLAN



Denotes “Apply”

Read 1 John 1:5-10

1. What message has the Apostle John and the other apostles heard and passed on to the believers?

🌐 What are some areas of life where people judge or question God's motives?

2. According to John, is the message of the perfection of God's pure light up for debate?

3. Remember that the John is from the Jewish culture that used word pictures to paint truths in ways to help people understand. Describe the image of light and how it applies to God.

🌐 Describe the way God is light in your life.

4. Describe the image of darkness and how it applies to God's Truth.



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- ⑤ How does the complete absence of darkness for those who live in the Word of Christ strengthen and even drive your faith?

5. Can Christians walk in darkness?

John tells us it is possible to claim we have fellowship, an intimate saving relationship with Christ and yet walk in darkness. He calls that Christian a liar. If we practice the truth, we do not walk in darkness. If we do not practice the truth, then our confession and baptism and our name on the church role, is all a lie! Our salvation is in jeopardy because God will judge the hearts of all people. He plainly says that outside the gates of heaven are the liars! Rev. 21:8

- ⑤ What are some ways Christians in our culture today walk in darkness while claiming fellowship with Christ?

- ⑤ If you see someone living this faith life that is really a lie, according to God, then what is your responsibility?

Have someone read James 5:19. God tells us that it is up to those of us who see the fellow Christian living a lie to help them turn back. Our actions may save them from committing sins that could affect generations!

- ⑤ What are some sins that affect generations?

Notice the 2 “If’s” “that are expressed. That means there is a condition expressed by God followed by a consequence. The first condition is IF we walk in darkness, even though we claim the light of Christ, then the consequence is that we are found to be liars who do not practice truth and therefore we do not have fellowship with Christ.

- 6. What are the consequences, the two blessings that result from walking in the light of God’s Holy Word in the manner that Jesus walked in the light?



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Notice the character resulting from a life spent in the light of God’s truth. We get along! Wow! We actually have close, intimate relationships with our fellow Christians! If we continuously walk in the light of God’s truth it causes us to build relationships.

⑥ What does this tell us about our faith walk if we are continually losing fellowship with other people of faith?

⑥ What can we do to resolve fellowship issues?

7. What is a condition the blood of Jesus cleansing us from every sin?

8. How can someone claim to be without sin?

Anyone who denies they need Jesus as a Savior and Lord is stating to God that He has no need for forgiveness. He is good enough. Jesus said to be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect. All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Therefore, we are calling God a liar if we claim we don’t need a Savior.

⑥ What does that fact tell you about our need to witness, to evangelize daily with our lives?

In the days of John, Greek philosophers taught a separation between body and spirit. The spirit is free but the body is matter that eventually dies. When the body sins, the spirit is blameless. Sin cannot affect the spirit according to their teaching. This teaching crept into the church in John’s day. He is addressing anyone who is buying into the lie that you can claim Christ and continually live apart from His truth.



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Interactive Teaching Ideas: ideas for learner-focused teaching. Ask the class to discuss at each table the following assignment and then share the results from each table: **What is the one truth you would want to flesh out and teach to your family or friends?**



Going Deeper/Homework:

Memory Verse: “For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light” (Ephesians 5:8).