

1 John 1:1-10

One Point: Get out of the dark and practice the truth

1. Do you know someone who always seems to be joyful? What are they like?
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Read v. 1-4

1. How does John describe his experience with Christ? Can we have that experience? (your story)
 2. Why is having fellowship with Jesus (salvation), others (accountability/encouragement), and God (love) so important to having joy in our lives? John 15:4
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Read v. 5-7

1. How does a person “live in the light?” (practice the truth) - Romans 13:11-14
 2. What are the obstacles that keep you from living in the light? How can you overcome them? Psalm 119:105
 3. What are the dangers of living in the dark?
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Read v. 8-10

1. What does confession have to do with gaining forgiveness?
 2. Why is v. 9 so important to helping us live in the light?
 3. How can you invite more light into your life?
 4. How can we be a light in the midst of darkness?
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What I will be talking about

Many of us want this joy and fellowship with God that John talks about here but many times we deceive ourselves by thinking that we are good to go once we believe in Jesus. We think that once we are saved and know we are going to heaven, we can coast in our walk with God. But John is trying to tell people here that yes you are saved but you still sin! That sin breaks your fellowship with God and people. He says that you are living in the dark because you think you have this joy. But when tough times come you don't turn to God you turn to yourself to figure out why you can't pull yourself out. That's because you are trying to guide yourself through the darkness.

How do you have this joy that helps you when times are tough, that joy that relies on the strength that only God gives? It is when you practice the truth (v. 6). When we read what the bible says, go to church, come to BCM and not practice the truth that we hear and read we are only deceiving ourselves.