



**Turn “The Light” On!
Participant Guide – June 14, 2020**

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. ⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.
¹ My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ² He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 1:5-2:2 NIV)

ICE BREAKER

Is anyone in your group afraid of the dark? If so, share why!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) John opens up this section of his letter with clarity about the message he is proclaiming -> “God is Light.” What does John mean when he says God is Light? Why is this important to be able to understand the passage?
- 2) Even though God is Light, as sinful people we naturally drift toward darkness. Andrew outlined three basic ways we do this. What were they? How are you prone to walk in darkness?
- 3) The way we turn The Light on in our life is to confess -> repent -> repeat. Why is this so important? How do we do this?
- 4) John gives us three incredible benefits of living in The Light? What were they? How does this help reframe our thinking about living in The Light?

PERSONAL REFLECTION

- 1) What areas in your life do you need to “turn The Light on”? What do you need to confess (to God and others) and repent of? How can your group help pray for you and move you towards reconciliation?
- 2) Light’s purpose is to chase out the darkness. Where is God calling you to take The Light and chase out darkness?