

notes from small group

prayer requests

SMALL GROUP

— *study guide* —



For sermon on
Sunday, February 9, 2020

**Sure Thing: Testing the Genuineness
of Your Relationship with God**

Genuine Fellowship
1 John 1:5-10

group discussion questions

1. What is the main point from Scripture as it was taught on Sunday?
2. Are there any Study Questions from this week that you want to discuss?
3. What difference should this Scripture make in our lives today?
4. How does God want your personal beliefs and actions to change based on this Scripture?
5. How can you plan to accomplish this change with God's grace this week? What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

personal study questions

Read: 1 John 1:5-10

What qualities do we learn about God from the statement that “God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.”?

What false ideas about God does this statement correct?

Why is the doctrine of God so important to our daily, practical lives?

What specific applications for life would you draw from the truth that “God is light and in Him is no darkness”?

Describe in specific ways a life that has fellowship with God.

Describe typical characteristics of a life that walks in darkness.

Why is it impossible to have fellowship with God and walk in darkness?

Why is a denial of sin in our lives such a spiritually corrupting thing?

What keeps us from seeing sin in our lives? What would help us to be more self-aware of sin in our lives?

What does it mean to “confess” our sin? How might a person “admit” to sin and yet not “confess” sin?

Why is God both “faithful” and “just” to forgive us our sin when we confess sin?

How is “forgiving” our sin different from “cleansing” us from all unrighteousness?

How does confession of sin produce God’s cleansing work?

What in us keeps us from desiring God’s forgiveness, but not His cleansing work in our lives? How might we feed a desire for His cleansing work?

Should we confess our sins to one another or only to God? Why or why not?