

## HOW MY FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD IS BROKEN AND REPAIRED

### *1 John 1:5-10*

#### Homework

#### **Getting Started**

1. Recall an experience when you couldn't find your way in the dark.
  - a. Where were you trying to go?
  - b. What difficulties did you encounter?
  - c. What fears gripped you?
2. In what ways is being lost in the dark like someone who has broken fellowship with God?

#### **Going Deeper - Read 1 John 1:5-10**

1. What message did John hear from Jesus about the nature of God?
2. What did Jesus reveal about himself and about mankind in John 3:19-20 that defines light and darkness?
3. From what you understand about "light," what does it mean to "walk" or live a lifestyle in the light?
4. "In Him is no darkness at all" says what to you about God's character?
5. Name some other attributes of God that cause you to worship Him in awe.

#### **Growing Stronger**

1. Verses 8 and 10 describe two ways a believer can interrupt their fellowship with God. What are they?
2. What is the difference between "sin" in verse 8 and "sins" in verse 10?

3. What did John say about people whose walk doesn't match their talk?
4. Give some reasons why minimizing sin is so dangerous for a believer.
5. Why do you think it is easier to see the faults in others than to see our own failings?
6. What condition must a "connection interrupted" Christian fulfill when he sins?
7. Do you find confessing your sins to God easy or hard to do? Why?
8. What barriers stand in the way of confession? What things act as a catalyst to promote honest confession to God?
9. What attributes of God's character in verse 9 encourage us to confess our sins to God?
10. What two things does God promise those who honestly confess their sins?
11. On what basis does God faithfully forgive us and cleanse us? See Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 2:13-15.
12. How does a life of fellowship with God impact our relationships with others? See 1 John 1:7.

### **Getting Together**

1. Take time to listen to the Holy Spirit prompting you to acknowledge any unconfessed sin.
2. Quietly claim God's promise of forgiveness and cleansing.
3. Pray audibly for one another's needs realizing that this is part of being in fellowship with God and one another.