

Life in the Word

Cornerstone Sermon-based Life Group Lesson



Sermon Series: **1 John Series**

Sermon Title: **How A Believer's Fellowship with God is Broken and Repaired**

Scripture Passage: **1 John 1:5-10**

Getting Started Sharing from personal experience

In 1 John 1:1 we can see that John gained his knowledge about Jesus directly from Jesus. According to verse 2, John did what three things with that knowledge?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

How have you learned your knowledge about Jesus and what do you do with it?

What challenges you the most in “doing something” with your knowledge and experience of Jesus?

Observation Discovering the context

How many other disciples do you think might have been alive when John wrote this epistle?

What is an “epistle?”

At the time of 1 John, a form of religious heresy was being taught to influence Christians called “Gnosticism.” So a little research. What was Gnosticism and how was it harmful to the church?

Name at least one form of false teaching that Christians must guard against today.

Have you ever been influenced by or had a personal experience with false a false teacher or false teaching? Tell us about that.

Interpretation Discovering the meaning

In Genesis 3:9 what question did God ask Adam?

Most likely, God did not need a GPS to find Adam, so why did God ask Adam this question?

Many people know things about God but have no fellowship with Him. In your own words, what does “fellowship with God” mean? How does one move from “knowledge about God” to fellowship with Him?

“If you want to judge how well a person understands Christianity,” wrote J. I. Packer in his famous book Knowing God, “find out how much he makes of the thought of being God’s child, and having God as his Father. If this is not the thought that prompts and controls his worship and prayers and his whole outlook on life, it means that he does not understand Christianity very well at all.”

“For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ ” (Romans 8:15).

Explain “the spirit of slavery” referred to in Romans 8:15.

Explain “the Spirit of Adoption, as sons” found in the same verse.

According to these scriptures below, can a true believer have broken son-ship with God?
Romans 8:38-39; John 10:27-29

Read 1 John 1:6-10. What three “claims” can a Christian make that are untrue?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

The three claims you discovered above all point to John’s premise that engaging in sin results in breaking our “fellowship” with God.

Have you ever sinned? ☺

Have you ever experienced a period of broken fellowship with God? How did it affect your life?

Could you imagine breaking fellowship with God through sin with no hope of repairing the brokenness? Read 1 John 1:9.

In your own words, what is “confession” and why is it so essential and precious to the Christian?

Core Truths Discovering Biblical truth

In your own words, share at least one core truth God has shown you in this week's study and why it is timely or significant for you.

Practice Makes Progress Putting knowledge into practice

What action is the Lord prompting you to take this week as a result of being in His Word?

Worth Memorizing

Scripture: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

Prayer Time

How can your Life Group pray for you this week?

Praise Time

How has God blessed you and answered prayer this week?