



Discussion Questions for *Intro to 1 John “Knowing Real Life”*
Week of June 13th - 19th, 2010

Warm Up Do you tend to think of false teaching in our day as clearly obvious or more subtle in nature? What kind of false teaching do you think Christians today are most susceptible to? Why?

- Read **1 John** chapter 1 aloud. How would you summarize the heart of what John is communicating in this chapter? How about **v. 1-4** in particular? Why exactly are these four verses so profound?
- Our Creator God has always been the great Revealer. From the Garden of Eden onward He has lovingly shown Himself to mankind. Whether through Creation itself (see **Rom. 1:20,21**), His written word (**Psalm 19**) or the most complete revelation of Himself: Jesus Christ (**John 1:1; 14:9**). John continues this theme in revealing Jesus using three titles in **1 John 1:1-4**. What are these titles and what do they mean?
 - Why is John excited to share his testimony with others? (2 reasons) Do these reasons measure up with your own experience of walking with Jesus?
- Sin always spreads. George shared on Sunday that **1 John 1:5-10** reveals a terrifying progression where:
 - We begin lying to others - **v.6** - Posers
 - Sooner or later we begin to believe our lies - **v.8** - Blinders
 - The final decline is we tell God lies - **v.10** - Accusers

Can you see how this is true in life? What are some examples where this sort of thing can take root?

- Pastor George shared on Sunday that “confession” does not simply mean to ‘admit’ sin. It means to agree with God concerning it - to *name it*, *judge it*, and *forsake it*. Was this a new definition for you? What is good about this three-step process?

Wrap Up: As you close in prayer, allow some silence for the Holy Spirit to speak to you about areas where you may need to confess sin. Prayerfully ask God what you should ‘stop’, what you should ‘start’ and what you should ‘continue’.