

Prayer List:

My challenge for this week:

More Resources for personal and group use:

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A little about Westwood Church...

We believe that God changes lives!

That motivates us to...

Bring Jesus into Life

By...

...becoming an increasingly healthy, vibrant and effective witness for Jesus in Prince George and around the world!

We do this by engaging in three things:



GATHER

Sunday mornings to celebrate and learn about God



GROUPS

Weekly meetings that go deeper in relationships with each other and God



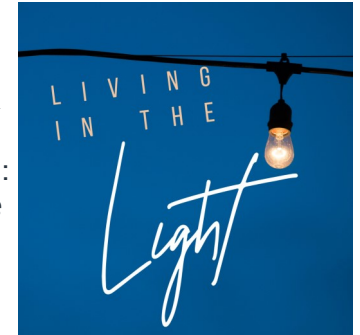
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Serving in the church and community to present Jesus to the world



Date: March 17, 2019
Scripture: 1 John 2:7-14
Series: Living in the Light

What is truth and how do we live in light of that truth? What does it mean for a follower of Jesus to “walk in the light?” Let’s explore together, “how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him,” (1 John 4:9) and experience living in the light.



1 John Overview:

Author and Date: John the Apostle, one of the original 12 disciples and known as the “Apostle of Love.”

Written between 60-90 A.D.

First readers and their location: Christians in Ephesus and Asia Minor (modern day Turkey).

Ephesus the city: Ephesus had a population of around 300,00, was a leading trade centre in the Roman Empire, and was the centre of worship for the pagan goddess Diana.

Why was it written?: 1 John was written primarily to combat false teaching that had shown up in the church. False teachers were denying that Jesus had a real physical body and was fully human. They were also denying that Jesus was the Messiah. These teachings lead to believers minimizing the seriousness of sin. John wrote to correct these lies.

Open-up

Have you ever had to be reminded of something repeatedly? What was it? Why do you think it didn’t “stick” in your mind?



Into the Bible—Ask “What does it Say?”

Read: 1 John 2:7-14

What do you notice about the passage itself? (Structure, repeated words or ideas, unique words, main points, what did this passage say to the original author and audience)

How does John present the relationship between truth and obedience?

How is love, light, darkness and hate used?

Often when ages are contrasted in the Bible (Young/Old) it means that both young, old and everything in between is being talked to.

Whatever is said of each age group is true for all age groups. How does this help your understanding of verses 12-14?



Into my life—Ask “What does this look like in my personal life?”

Reread verses 2:9-11 and replace the word “light” (or “the light”) with “God’s way” and replace “darkness” (or “the darkness”) with “the World’s way.” How do you feel about this passage when you read it like that?

After reading this section of scripture, how would you define the connection between loving God and loving others? Which is more difficult for you: loving God or loving others? Why?

This passage brings both encouragement and challenge? How are you encouraged by what you have read? How are you challenged?

How have you seen both “light” and “darkness” be expressed in your life?

If verse 12-14 apply to all believers regardless of age, what “age” would you like God to reveal himself to you? (Pray for each other in this)

Other Application Questions:

Is there something to worship or thank God for?

Is there a promise to claim or a truth to believe?

Is there something I am convicted about that I need to work on?

Is there something or someone I need to pray for this week? (Be specific)

Is there any relationship I need to work on?



Into the World—Ask “what does this look like in my world?”

In Christ, you have overcome! How will this look in your life this week?