

- I. Foundational Truth About God: God Is Light
(1:5; John 1:4-9; 5:35; 8:12; 9:5; 11:9-10; 12:35-36, 46; 1 Tim 6:16)

- II. Two Ways: **The Way of Darkness & Deception** Vs. The Way of Light & Truth (1:6-10)
 - A. Are You Walking **in the Darkness** or in the Light? (1:6-7; John 3:19-21)

 - B. Are You **Denying Your Sin** or Confessing Your Sin? (1:8-10; Rom 3:23; Prov 28:13; Ps 32:5)

“For John, truth is found in the word of the Father turned to mankind, incarnate in Christ, illuminated through the action of the Spirit. What men are required to do with respect to the truth is not to win it by intellectual endeavor; it is to receive and enter into it in faith, to submit to it and live by it.” —Ignace de La Potterie

Reflection and Application Questions (for personal reflection and family conversation):

1. What is John's central message in his letter?
2. What are the implications for us of this central truth, that “God is light”?
3. What does it mean to walk in darkness? To walk in the light? To practice the truth?
4. Why is confession of sin necessary? What is the result of confession? What is the result of denying sin?