

THE LOVE OF GOD

THE BOOK OF 1 JOHN

DARKNESS AND THE LIGHT

1 JOHN 1:5-10

GETTING STARTED

- Take some time to think about the properties of darkness and light. How come light is a prominent theme in Bible? How does it function? What does it do?

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Before you begin: *Open with prayer and spend a minute or two in silence before God. Have multiple people ask the Holy Spirit to enter your time together and illuminate your hearts and minds to scripture.*

- Have someone read the passages in their entirety aloud. As a group, summarize the passage, and as you do so, note any observations, questions, and exciting insights you found while reading through the text. What jumped out at you? What was something you noticed now that you didn't see before?
- What does John mean when he says, "God is light?" and "In him there is no darkness, none at all?"
- How do we, as followers of Jesus, "walk in the light?"
- What makes us want to hide our sins? Or leave it unconfessed?

WRAPPING UP

- Take some time to think about your sin and its impact on your life. If you need to confess sin to one another, do so now, know that you are carried and held in the love of Jesus, who washes away our sin!