



**WARM UP:** What's your favourite song with the word "light" in it? (And can you honestly say it's better than Doug and Christina's song from Sunday?)

1. **Read 1 John 1:1-4.** "The ultimate goal of Christianity is fellowship." Do you agree or disagree?

2. **Read 1 John 1:5-7 and 2:3-6.** This is the first fork in the road: walking in the light and obeying God's word, or walking in the darkness and disobeying God's word. Focus on 2:4 especially. How can you tell if someone who claims to be a Christian (including yourself) really is one?

3. **Read 1 John 1:8-2:2.** This is the second fork in the road: confessing sin or denying sin. Why do you think doing sin and then denying it is sin often go hand in hand? Do you see this in people you know... or in yourself?

4. **Read 1 John 2:15-17.** This is the third fork in the road: loving the father or loving the world. What is John referring to when he says "the world"? Do you ever feel guilty for enjoying worldly things? In your own words, what does it actually mean to love the father and not love the world?

5. **Read 1 John 3:1-3.** This is John's breakout into praise! Take a moment to appreciate the incredible gift of fellowship with God... as his child! What difference can this 'hope' make to our lives now?

6. **Read 1 John 3:4-10.** These are some of the heaviest words about sin in the whole Bible! Do you believe Christians in general have the right attitude towards sin? What about you... do you take it seriously enough, and do you believe in the power of Christ's victory over it?

7. **Using the "home" image...** Is your home with God (in the light), and although you occasionally wander from him into sin, you always confess it and return to him? Or is your home in the world (in darkness and sin), and although you occasionally visit with God and his people, you always return to it?

**PRAY:** That God would help you be honest & humble, and to keep choosing the path of light that will lead you closer to him.