

Faith At Home

1 John 1:5-2:2

Reflection and Discussion Questions

-This passage discusses how refusing to acknowledge our sin cuts us off from community or fellowship with God and with others. Reflect on this idea and discuss if in a group.

-Think about a time in your own life when your own sin or someone else's damaged a relationship. Perhaps you remember a time when someone's sin may have damaged a whole church or community.

-In our church setting, none of us would claim to be sinless, however, take some time to reflect on how we might deny our sin or refuse to acknowledge our wrongs in small everyday situations that may put distance in our relationship with God.

-Verse 2:1 talks about how Jesus stands with God in heaven advocating for our forgiveness. The NIV uses the phrase "we have an advocate with the Father", the NLT says, "we have an advocate who pleads our case", the Message says, "we have a Priest-Friend in the presence of the Father". Spend some time thinking about or talking about what it feels like to have Jesus as our advocate or Priest-Friend. Which of those wordings resonate with you the most? Why?



Family Activity



Get out a flashlight or camping/emergency lantern. Find an area of the home where you can turn off all the lights and have darkness. Talk about how God is light and without him we live in sin or darkness. Turn on the light and point out that the light pushes out the dark. The light and dark cannot exist together. Discuss this as a group. Let the kids hold the flashlight or lantern and experience the fact that there is no way for the light and dark to be in the same place at the same time. Talk about how that is what God and sin are like. They can't exist in the same space. If we want to be with God we have to choose him and walk away from sin- we can't have both.

