

Essential Fellowship: 2 of 10

“Walk In The Light”
Cornerstone Church Of Poway
Pastor Ed Turley
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Big Idea: We can know the joy of life if we walk together in His light.

We Can Walk In The Light If:

1. We Walk In God's Light

“This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: **God is light**; in Him there is **no darkness** at all.” **1 John 1:5 (NIV)**

“Whatever is **good** and **perfect** comes down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. **He never changes** or casts a shifting shadow. He chose to give **birth** to us by giving us His **true word**. And we, out of all creation, became His prized possession.” **James 1:17-18 (NLT2)**

“If we **claim** to have fellowship with Him yet **walk in the darkness**, **we lie** and do not live by the truth.” **1 John 1:6 (NIV)**

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

John 3:16-17 (NIV)

“This is the **verdict**: Light has come into the world, but **men loved darkness** instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and **will not come** into the light for fear that his **deeds will be exposed**. But **whoever lives by the truth** comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God."

John 3:19-21 (NIV)

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever **follows me** will never walk in darkness, but will have the **light of life**." **John 8:12 (NIV)**

Notes: _____

2. We Walk With Each Other

“But if we **walk in the light**, as He is in the light, we have **fellowship with one another**, and **the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin.**”

1 John 1:7 (NIV) Remember Verse

“Brothers and sisters, we urge you to **warn** those who are **lazy**. **Encourage** those who are **timid**. **Take tender care** of those who are **weak**. Be **patient** with everyone. See that **no one pays back evil for evil**, but always try to **do good** to each other and to **all people**. Always **be joyful**. Never stop **praying**. **Be thankful** in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who **belong** to Christ Jesus.”

1 Thessalonians 5:14-18 (NLT2)

Notes: _____

3. We Walk In Forgiveness

“If we claim to be without sin, we **deceive** ourselves and the truth is not in us.”

1 John 1:8 (NIV)

“**If we claim** we have **not sinned**, we make him out to be a liar and His word has **no place in our lives.**” **1 John 1:10 (NIV)**

“If we **confess** our sins, He is **faithful** and **just** and will **forgive us our sins** and **purify us** from all unrighteousness.” **1 John 1:9 (NIV)**

“My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one **who speaks** to the Father in **our defense--Jesus Christ**, the Righteous One. He is the **atoning sacrifice** for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.” **1 John 2:1-2 (NIV)**

Notes: _____

- What darkness do you need to confess to God?

I will make my next right step this week by:

- Taking notes and talking them over
- Joining a small group
- Hosting a small group in February
- Asking Jesus to be my Lord and Savior

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[This is only a guide – select the points you want to discuss]

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Open in Prayer.

Ice breaker: As a child, were you ever afraid of the dark? What helped you overcome those fears?

We Can Walk In The Light If:

1. We Walk In God’s Light

Read 1 John 1:5

What does it mean that God is light?

Read James 1:17-18

How does James describe the character of God? How does this help you?

Read 1 John 1:6

What does it mean to walk in darkness?

Why does John call people a liar? Is this a fair understanding?

Why or why not?

Read John 3:16-21

What do you learn about why people reject Jesus?

What do you learn about what God wants to do in your life?

Read John 8:12

How has Jesus brought light into your life?

2. We Walk With Each Other

Read 1 John 1:7 Remember Verse

What benefits are offered if we choose to walk in the light?

How does Christian fellowship help us?

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:14-18

How does Paul describe Christian fellowship?

What should be our attitude as we learn to walk together in Christian fellowship?

Do you have a good friend that will warn & encourage you when you are getting off path?

3. We Walk In Forgiveness

Read 1 John 1:8 & 10

What are the pitfalls of denying the sin within us?

Read 1 John 1:9

What is our responsibility to do when we sin?

What does God promise to do for us?

How is God's character described?

Read 1 John 2:1-2

What is one of the reasons John is writing this to us?

Why is it personally meaningful to know that Jesus is not just your Savior but your Advocate?

What has Jesus done for you?

What helps you walk in the light?

Close in Prayer: Start praying. Be bold and pray specifically.