

THAT YOU MAY KNOW 1 John 1– Walk In Light

Read: 2 Samuel 11

How could David commit such horrendous sin and still be considered "a man after God's own heart" (1 Samuel 13:14)? How does the story of David and Bathsheba help us understand our salvation? Does the story of David and Bathsheba give you hope? If so, how?

Read: 1 John 1:9 & Psalm 32:1-5

Discuss how hiding our sin can make things worse and hold us captive? How do acknowledgement and confession free us from the power of sin?

Read: Psalm 51:1-12 (David's Confession)

What stands out to you in this passage? Is David confident that the Lord will grant him forgiveness? Do you struggle with having confidence in God's forgiveness? If so, why?

Read: 1 John 1:5-7

Why in this passage does "walking in the light" appear to be required for fellowship with one another? How does walking in darkness remove us from that fellowship?

Evidence of Salvation

Adam offered three questions to help us assess the evidence of our salvation. Discussed each of the following questions:

- a. Do you enjoy spending time with other believers? (1 John 1:3, Hebrews 10:24-25)
- b. Would people say you primarily walk in the light or in the darkness? (1 John 1:6-7, Matt. 5:16)
- c. Do you readily admit and confess your sin? (1 John 1:8, James 5:16)

Assurance of Salvation

Read: Romans 10:9-13 & Ephesians 2:8-9

What is required to be saved? What is the source of our assurance? Why can we be confident in our salvation? What part does our "trust" in Jesus play in our assurance?

Assignment: Devote time during the week to read one chapter each day of 1 John to prepare your heart and mind for Part 2 of this series.