

Sermon Discussion Guide - 10.10.21 - FLIP Part 2

Scripture: *Leader's Note: Below are some of the scriptures Pastor Jon used in this week's sermon. Consider sharing this list of scripture with your group in a follow-up email after your group meets as a recommendation for further study throughout the rest of the week. Attached is a simplified version of the discussion questions with the Scripture list that can be copy/pasted into an email.*

Main Scripture:

- 1 John 1:5-7

Supporting Scripture:

- John 3: 16-17
- John 10:28
- John 1:4-5
- John 14:6
- John 8:31-32
- Romans 1:18-20
- John 1:14
- Matthew 7:7-8
- John 3:19
- John 8:12
- Acts 3:19
- Romans 12:2

Discussion Questions:

Leader's Note: If your time is limited, or your discussions run long, focus on the two check-marked bullet points, and within them, the bolded questions. We're highlighting the inclusion of scripture in your small group discussions to ensure we model getting into the Word being of utmost importance. Within these highlighted bullet points, you may not need to specifically hit each question. Often variations of these topics will be brought up as the discussion unfolds. Use your judgment and do what makes sense. In addition to the check-marked bullet points, as time allows, use only the remaining questions that fit your group dynamic best.

- Why is truth important? Where do you see lack of truth having the most impact, in the world, in your life, in the lives of those you're close to? Do you consider yourself to be a truthful person?
- ✓ **Read 1 John 1:5-7.** What keeps us from walking in the light? Are there areas in your life in which you're walking in darkness, areas where you long to see change/transformation? **Are there any lies you've believed, or told yourself or others, that keep you walking in darkness and prevent you from living out the truth?**
- On Sunday, Pastor Jon said, the absence of truth, the mixing of truth with lies in our lives is our continual undoing, but the welcoming of truth is the birth of change. Is it hard sometimes to distinguish truth from lies? How can welcoming our discontent, embracing our desire for change, help us pursue truth? Why do we sometimes avoid seeking truth?
- ✓ **Read Matthew 7:7-8 and John 14:6.** What do these verses tell us about truth? **How do these verses provide direction for pursuing change, for guiding us out of darkness and into God's light?**
- How can we combat discouragement when transformation seems to come too slowly, or we struggle to find our way out of the darkness? Who do you call on to speak truth to you when you find it hard to speak truth to yourself?
- What action is God calling you to take this week? How can your group be praying for you?

Closing Prayer:

- Ask God to show you what further action he is calling you to right now, and for the strength and courage to respond to his call.

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