



# Sermon Study

Walk in the Light – 1 John 1:5-10

Lie: We Say We Have No Sin

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Christian  
Church is a  
fearless church  
of Christ  
followers whose  
ridiculous love  
and dangerous  
witness are  
irresistible.



*Eastview Christian Church small groups provide the optimal environment for the life change Jesus Christ intends for every person. Our groups typically have 8-14 people who **GATHER** together (Hebrews 10:24-25), **GROW** to be more Christ-like (Romans 12:1-2; 1 Peter 1:14-16), **GIVE** of themselves in various ways (1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Ephesians 4:11-16), and **GO** on to impact the world around them (Matthew 28:19).*

## Gather (your group getting to know each other)

1. Share a story from your childhood when you got caught with your "hand in the cookie jar" and professed innocence.
2. Are you still doing a 2017 New Year's resolution? Why is it so hard to follow through and do what we want/need to do?

**Go**  
(your group on mission)

How can you help those who believe Satan's lie that they have no sin?

## **Grow** (your group growing as Christ-followers)

Read out loud, 1 John 1:5-10.

Pray for God to reveal His truth about who He is, the lies we hear, and to strengthen us to discern truth from lies.

Discuss

1. What do we learn about God in this passage?

- He is light. (without sin)
- He will purify us of our sin when we believe, confess and receive Forgiveness - because Jesus shed His blood for our sin.
- His truth (word) is in us when we acknowledge truth as only from Him.
- What else?

-How does knowing those things about God help you understand His love and His sacrifice for us?

2. What do we learn about us from this passage?

- We all fall short - we are sinners - but we are saved by grace when we confess our need and believe in Jesus' sacrifice for us.
- What else?

-When did you come to the knowledge that you needed a savior?

3. Did you/do you struggle with the idea that you are a sinner?

4. Before you realized your need to be cleansed of sin (and that you couldn't do it for yourself), what lies did Satan tell you?

5. Did/do you ever hear any of these lies?

- You can be "good enough."
- You'll never be good enough – so nothing can save you.
- Those who would call you a sinner are just harsh and judgmental.
- You're better than the worst, so God will grade "on the curve."

-How does believing any of those lies keep you from knowing the deep love of Jesus for you and His faithfulness to you?

6. Talk about the burden that is lifted when we acknowledge our human condition, Jesus' gift of grace, and let go of striving to be "good enough."

7. What are the consequences of not understanding your need for a savior?

**Give**  
(your group serving each other)

Pray for discernment in knowing truth from lies and for the requests of the group.