Sermon Discussion Guide
Nov. 11 & 12, 2023
"Why & How to Come Clean with God"
1 John 1:4-10

This year, we're reading through the Whole Holy Bible. Weekend sermons look specifically at New Testament books, while incorporating the Old Testament as well. This month we look at letters, or epistles, actually official epistles from other apostles. Join us as we read it, learn it, and live it together.

PRAY & CONNECT

Open in prayer and invite the Holy Spirit into your conversation. Ask God for wisdom and discernment and trust him to guide you. Take time to view the message on **HopeOnline.tv**. Did you have any "ah-ha" moments where you felt convicted, compelled, or inspired during the sermon? What's been on your mind this week? Have you been able to apply the message to your everyday life?

GROW

Read 1 John 1:4-10 – *"Light and Darkness, Sin and Forgiveness"*
- What does it look like to claim to be without sin? Why is that so bad for us? What does it do to our relationships with God? With others?
- What does confession look like in your life? Is confession difficult for you? If so, why is that? What does confession do for our faith and relationships?

Read Romans 6:23 - *"Slave to Righteousness"*
What does sin do to us? Why is the wage of sin death? What does that say about all people? What do we need?

Read Psalm 38:4 - *"A psalm of David. A petition"*
- Do you feel guilty for anything you've done? When have you felt overwhelmed by your guilt? Have you confessed for the things you feel guilty for? Can guilt relieve that weight from you?

Read Hebrews 12:1
- How do we throw off everything that hinders us? What is it that's hindering you right now? What did Pastor Mike say about how to confess? What is your next step in receiving God's forgiveness and freedom?

APPLY

Confess your sins. Spend time in prayer, opening up to God. Give all your burdens over to him and confess your sins to a trusted friend. Allow them to speak God's truth into your life that you have been fully forgiven and restored through the Holy Spirit.

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