

Week beginning June 14th 2021

## 1 John

- sermon 6/6



### Welcome

Play a game of true and false—each person to make three statements about themselves and see if others in the group can work out if they are true or false!



15 mins

### Worship

Build a time of opening worship around one of the attached prayers of confession—when you have finished play the song Most Merciful God by Chris Pearse on Youtube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?>



15 mins

### Word

1. Read 1 John 1:1-4 Do these verses remind you of any other familiar bible passages? What do you notice?
2. Why do you think John emphasis the physicality of Jesus? Why does this matter?
3. vs 5—brainstorm other scriptures which talk about God as light. What do they tell us about the nature of God—and what it means to be a Christian?
4. In vs 3, 6 and 7 John talks about fellowship. Fellowship (from the Greek *kononia*) is a deep connectedness with God and one another made possible through Jesus. How do we live out this kind of fellowship?
5. vs 8—what is sin? (you might like to look at Genesis 3 and the varied consequences of Adam and Eve's disobedience)
6. vs 9—what is confession?
7. How can we avoid confession becoming formulaic—mechanical repetition—rather than what it is—a celebration of the love and forgiveness we have in Jesus?



50 mins

### Witness

Read Luke 7:37-50

*There is power in the naming of our sins before God -not in a way in which we beat ourselves up - that is being self absorbed—the focus on our wrong doing and not God's grace - but acknowledging, owning and naming what we have done in a way that opens us up to experience and appreciate more deeply God's forgiving love.*



10 mins

Spend time this week deepening your experience of God's forgiveness—in order that you might be set free to love and serve him more fully.