

BELPRES CHURCH

Sermon Title: Coming Clean

Scripture: 1 John 1:5-2:2

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth.⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ² He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

All In Small Group Discussion Questions:

1. Looking back, how did it go last week?
2. What stood out the most from the sermon this past week?
3. What do we learn about God (e.g., traits, personality, what matters, priorities) in this passage and sermon?
4. What do we learn about people, and ourselves in particular, this week?
5. According to this passage why is confessing our sins so important? What benefits flow from it?
6. What things get in the way of us identifying and confessing our sins?
7. How are the statements in verses 6, 8, 10 the same?
8. In light of what we've learned (application):
 - How might God want us to apply this to our own life and the lives of the community this week?
 - Who needs to hear this message/good news?