

Week of September 13

- The Sermon Notes from Pastor Dan’s message on Sunday – “Get Off Your Pew and Participate” can be helpful for your group’s study discussion.
- Read together 1 John chapter 1 (9 verses)
- In the opening verses of this epistle (letter) what, or rather WHO, is John “proclaiming” to his readers? (v. 1 – the Word of Life; v. 2 – the eternal life)
- These are actually references (or names) for Jesus Christ...together scan through all of 1 John and take notes of other references/names John uses to “proclaim” Christ. (Leaders might want to do this prior to your meeting)
Some examples: God’s Son; Righteous One; the Christ; the Savior, etc.
- John’s reference to “fellowship” (4 x here in chapter 1 – 13 times total in New Testament) is the Greek word “koinonia”. Some other similar words to help understand its meaning are participation, partnership or sharer, companion and communion.
 - Distinguish between the fellowship we can have “with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ” from the fellowship we can have with each other.
 - Lead a discussion into investigating and defining what genuine and true fellowship should be in the Body of Christ, His Church.
 - Develop a strategy for pursuing fellowship as an individual and as a small group.
 - From 1 John 1:5-9, what are some of the obstacles to true fellowship with the Lord and each other?
 - Make a point to review this theme in the coming weeks of your group’s meetings. Evaluate if you are experiencing true and genuine fellowship.