

United Church of Marco Island

John's Letters Fall 2019 Bible Study

Study # 2: Tuesday, October 8th @10AM

I John 2: 1-11 "Talking and Walking the Truth"

Discussion Questions:

1. Although John does not want us to sin, he reminds us of God's provision when we do (v. 1-2). What is the relationship between Christ speaking to the Father "in our defense" (v.1) and his "atoning sacrifice" on our behalf (v.2)?
2. How does this understanding provide comfort and assurance when you do sin?
3. According to John, how can we tell whether we truly know Christ or merely claim to know him? (v. 3-6)
4. What other conclusions does John make about those who obey Christ's commands (v. 5-6)?
5. Practically speaking, what does it mean to walk as Jesus did (v. 6)?
6. In verses 7-11, John focuses on one of the commands. How can this command be both old and new (v. 7-8)?
7. Why would love for our brother rather than love for God serve as a test of being in the light (v. 9-11)?
8. Compare John's statements about love and hate. How do these verses clarify the two kinds of people John is contrasting?
9. In view of the overall context of this passage, what does it mean to live in the light (v. 10)?
10. What does this scripture say to you personally?