

Jesus as Atoning Sacrifice

Week of April 26: 1 John 1:1-2:2

Observation

1. Read 1 John 1:1-2:2. What do you notice as your read?
2. What questions do you have?

Observation: What does it say?

1. What do you notice about the text?
Things to look for:
 - repeating words and phrases
 - Answers to the questions: who, what, when, where and how?
 - contrasts and comparisons
 - similes and metaphors (images used in the text)
 - cause and effect relationships
 - details regarding: time, geography, place, people, action in the text
 - grammar
 - larger themes in the passage
 - key words and themes
2. What questions do you have?

Interpretation

1. John lists three claims here (verses 6, 8 and 10).

Why do you think he addresses these things?

2. What does it mean to walk in the darkness?

What does it mean to walk in the light? What is the link between walking in the light and fellowship?

3. What role does Jesus play in this?

Interpretation

The goal here is to answer questions raised by the text and to get at the central message of the passage itself.

What did the text mean for the original audience?

How might you summarize the central point of the passage?

Application

1. How might needing to look like we have it all together, of hiding our sin, stand in the way of fellowship in church today? How might this affect our ability to grow as Christians? In what ways can we make church a safer place to be honest about sin?
2. If a friend or neighbour who was unfamiliar with the Bible was reading this passage for the first time, what might they find difficult to understand? How might you explain it to them if they asked? What is the good news for them in this?

Suggestion for Prayer

Take some time to share what is your biggest take away from the discussion today. Pray for each other that God would help you to live this out.