

Follow up Questions from message on Sunday, March 5, 2017

Hidden Within Series “Heart of the Issue”

Reread 1 John 1:1-9

Life has a tendency to lodge things in our heart, things that defile and distract us. But what if God really can purify our hearts? God cares so much about you that he promised to cleanse you from all unrighteousness. What would that look like for you?

1. What do you remember most about the “*beginning years*” of your life? What did you “*see and touch*” that most impacted your life?
2. As a child, were you afraid of the dark? If you were, what “*monsters*” were in the dark that scared you?
3. What or when have you “*seen or heard*” something that you just couldn’t wait to tell someone else about it?
4. Why was John so able to testify to what Jesus said and did?
5. What did John mean by his statement, “*God is light*”?
6. What does it mean, practically, in verse 6, when it says we are, “*walking in darkness*?”
7. How can we get out of that darkness, and as verse 7 says it, “*walk in the light*?”
8. What false claims do John’s opponents make in verses 6 and 8?
9. According to verse 7, what is it that “*cleanses us from our sin*?”
10. According to verse 8, what are the pitfalls if we deny the sin that is within us?
11. What hope does John give when you or other people fail to live in the light of God’s love?
12. In what ways have you, like John, “*seen or heard Jesus, and been touched by Jesus*?”
13. Using verses 7 and 9, how would you explain to a new follower of Jesus what you can do to maintain a close relationship with God?
14. When did Jesus become more than a name to you?
15. How would you describe your relationship with Jesus today?