

BEYOND SUNDAY

TOGETHER: RESPONDING TO
HIS GREAT LOVE

Sunday, July 18, 2021

The series [Together: Responding to His Great Love](#) is foundational to our new beginning at PCC. By studying 12 springs from the well of God's unlimited love in the Book of [1 John](#), our hope is that it would empower us to love ourselves and others more, as we seek His future direction. This week, we focus on how God's love provides light and forgiveness.

#1
In the last week, how did you receive and or release the love of God? If not, what could you do to position your soul to do so?

#2
Spiritual Practice: [Lectio Divina](#) with [1 John 1:5-2:2](#)
What stands out to you (words, phrases, theme) after the 2nd or 3rd time you read through it?

#3
Look again at passage [1 John 1:5-2:2](#). Note how the passage consists of two bookends:

- 1 John 1:5 is a statement about God
- 1 John 2:2 is statement about Jesus

Then, in the middle, it contains alternating negative (verses 6, 8, 10) and positive (verses 7, 9, 2:1) "if/then" statements. If you had to sum up this passage in a sentence, what would it be? And if you had to sum up this passage with a word or phrase what would it be?

#4

What has been your journey of acknowledging your darkness and confessing your sin? As you ponder and share your experience, consider how verses 6, 8, and 10 declare that duality, deception, and denial hold us back, but verses 7, 9, and 2:1 reveal the benefits of coming into the light and confessing. How have you experienced these hindrances and benefits?

#5

How do [Psalm 51](#), [James 5:16](#), [1 John 1:9](#) impact your belief in the idea that God's love is deepest in our darkness and that Jesus, our advocate, atones and purifies us from our sin?

#6

What unconfessed sin in your life do you need to acknowledge? And if you did, how might this fill your soul more with God's love, so that you could love yourself and others more?

Resources to help you receive and release His Great Love

FOCUS

Breath Prayer

Inhale: Help me to receive your love

Exhale: Help me to release your love

REFLECT

[Lectio Divina](#): [1 John 1:5-2:2](#) — try this 3 times this week

[Daily Examen](#): Today, how did I receive the love of God and how did I release it?

WATCH & READ

Video: [The Chosen](#) — see the love of Jesus

Kids: *What is a Christian?* Journey through 1 John. Access through [Right Now Media](#).

Kids: [Have You Filled a Bucket Today?](#) (book)