

Small Group Prayer through 1 John

Read 1 John 1:5-10

- Praise God for the promise of forgiven sins and being cleansed by the blood of Jesus
- Spend time confessing (saying the same, agreeing with God about sin) to God the sins of heart, habit, words, motivations, false beliefs, and ask the Holy Spirit to give you the assurance promised of forgiveness
- Spend time thanking God that he is both faithful (true to his word, always) and just (perfectly righteous in all his ways)

Read 1 John 2:15-17

- Ask for God's help and strength to obey the command to not love the world
- Confess areas of your life where the pull "of the world" (away from God and doing his will) is strongest in your life, or where you know you are not obeying and loving him supremely
- Praise God for ways he has changed you and strengthened you (past and present) to resist the pull of the world and to cling to him.

Read 1 John 3:16-24

- Praise Christ for laying down his life for you
- Ask for love to reign in Doxa Church and in your small group
- Pray for more people to obey the command of v. 23 - believe in Jesus and love one another

Read 1 John 4:13-21

- Pray for someone specifically who needs to know and believe the love God has for them in Jesus Christ (i.e. to be saved)
- Ask God to continue to "perfect" his love in you, driving out sinful fear and resting his absolute love for you
- Thank God for first loving you, and dwell on how important this is in our salvation that God loved us so much that he came for us

Read 1 John 5:1-5

- Praise God that his commandments are not burdensome, and ask for his help in obeying from the heart
- Thank God for the power of our faith to overcome a world increasingly hostile to him
- Ask God for increased faith to follow Jesus in a culture increasingly against you doing so

Conclusion

- Pray for someone by name that you want God to save, and someone you want God to help you reach with the good news of Jesus