

## FREEDOM

### 1 JOHN 1:1-10

#### INTRODUCTION

It is God's desire that you are free. Free to choose to follow Him, to worship Him, to pray to Him to listen to Him and to model the life of His son Jesus. ***"I we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."***

#### LAUNCH

1. Paul starts by describing Jesus. How would you answer someone who asked you to describe Him? What difference does what you believe about God make in your life?
2. As we consider verses 1-4, how would you summarize John's perspective of the church of God?

#### DISCOVERY AND UNDERSTANDING

- 1) We heard on Sunday about the joy of fellowship. What are your experiences of fellowship with people in the church and also with God?
- 2) What steps do you think you can take to improve on this fellowship?
- 3) In verse 1 John explains how he looked, touched and gazed upon Jesus. In what ways do you think we can do that today?
- 4) Once we have tasted of the love and mercy of the Saviour everything within us wants to proclaim it to those around us. Share experiences of how you've done this within the last few weeks. (Build faith in one another as you share and thank God for the opportunities)
- 5) We heard on Sunday about a freedom in confession. What comes to mind when you hear this? Do you agree that there is freedom when you confess?

#### APPLICATION

- 1) What is your favourite Bible translation and why?

***"We need to stop giving people excuses not to believe in God. You've probably heard the expression 'I believe in God, just not organized religion'. I don't think people would say that if the church truly lived like we are called to live."***

***— Francis Chan, Crazy Love: Overwhelmed by a Relentless God***

- 2) The best way to translate what we read in the bible and what we hear on a Sunday is by the way we live our lives. What are the areas in your life that you feel need to be worked on when you hear this statement?