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# HOME BASE

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## WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

God is light, in him there is no darkness at all. 1 John 1:5



### SERMON RECAP [Listen to Sermon Online](#)

Pastor Greg encouraged us to live out the words of 1 Thessalonians 5. How can you find a practical way to live in peace with each other? How can you warn the idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak and be patient with everyone?

### THIS WEEK'S READING: 1 John 1-5

This week we read John's first letter. [Watch this video](#) to gain some understanding about the background and content of 1 John.



I love an epoch tale. An ancient story where the fate of the world hangs in the balance. These stories are classic battles between good and evil, light and darkness. Central to these tales is the simple, unassuming woman or man who must sort through the lies, preserve through trials, complete their quest and discover the truth. The reward is nothing less than redemption and life itself.

1 John reminds us that we are part of an ancient story; it was from the beginning. A battle has been waging, the darkness is passing away and the true Light is already shining. It is the last hour and we must choose. Will it be light or darkness; truth or lies; love or hate; the Father or the world. There is no in between. Children, young adults, parents, John implores us to abide as we carry on. Fear not you do not travel alone. Along the way you will meet others of the Father. They are in the world but not of the world. How will you know your fellow travelers? You will know them by the spirit of love that abides in them. Our universal exchange, "Jesus is Lord. He is Lord indeed." Beloved, keep His commandments, love one another and walk in the light. The reward is nothing less than redemption and life itself!

**REFLECTIONS:**  
**Beth Hemphill**  
**- 1 John 1-5**



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# SUNDAY'S SERMON

## **Pastor Greg Appleyquist: SERMON TEXT - 1 John 1:5-2:2**

*Reflect on the way John contrasts light and darkness throughout 1 John.*

*John appears to be quite old when writing 1 John. How does his use of 'dear children' make you feel? If you think of John as an elderly mentor, does it change the way you read 1 John?*

*In light of our countries current divisiveness, how might we live out 1 John 3:16?*

## **BUILDING UPDATE**

The finishes for the new bathrooms and cafe' area have been selected. If you are interested in seeing these, please reach out to a member of the **Building Team**: **Gene Ericson, Brenda George, Rebecca Gregory, Beth Hemphill, Terry Johnson, Todd Kraaz, and Graham Person.**

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

*Please let us know of your prayer concerns below.*

## **THE DUGOUT: A Place For Kids & Their Families**

Read Chapter 12 of All of Us and check out [Shine at Home](#). Read the words of the Israelites all together and act out what they do throughout the story. When you read the commandments, repeat them out loud together.

Wonder and talk together about the Bible story and how it connects to your experiences as a family.

- Invite one person to read the God's Story prompt on page 76. Allow time for everyone to respond.
- Imagine what it was like to hear God speak from the mountain.
- (Page 79, top illustration) I wonder how these commandments helped the people of Israel.
- I wonder which commandments are hard for you to understand.
- Invite one person to read the My Story prompt on page 77 in All of Us. Allow time for everyone to respond.

Close with this prayer:

God, thank you for those who help us learn. Thank you for our world. We are grateful for all that you have made. Amen.