



**Series:** How Can You Be Sure?

**Passage:** 1 John 1:1-10

**Title:** How Can You Be Sure Part 1

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**Discussion Starter** – Is it possible to have fellowship with someone who you do not know well? What are the necessary requirements for true intimacy between people? Between people and Jesus?

### **How can I be sure who Jesus is? (1 John 1:1-4)**

- Why was John able to speak with such authority about Jesus?
- Why does John use the terms “heard”, “seen”, “looked upon”, “handled”?
- What is the difference between Joy and Happiness?
- What are the results of fellowship with the Body of Christ, with Jesus as the head?
- What does John mean by “eternal life” in verse 2?

### **Fellowship with light and fellowship with darkness (1 John 1:5-7)**

- What does John mean by “light” in these verses?
- What does John mean by “darkness” in these verses?
- Do we have a choice whether to follow light or darkness?
- How might this darkness impact our understanding of the message of Jesus?
- What progressive impact does following light have in our lives?
- What progressive impact does following darkness have in our lives?

### **Honest about our sin (1 John 1:9-10)**

- Why is it important to confess our sins? How often should we do this?
- How do we confess our sins?
- How does confession affect our relationship with Jesus (both positively and negatively)?
- Why is self-righteousness so dangerous to our relationship with Jesus?
- Self-righteousness is a form of deception. How can we make sure we see it in ourselves?
- What should be our source of righteousness?
- How does self-righteousness look to unbelievers? To new believers? To mature Christians?