

THE REALITY OF JESUS

1 John 1

Every church has _____ because the people that make up that church have _____.

Some of the issues:

- _____
- _____
- _____

JOHN'S STARTING POINTS: FELLOWSHIP AND FORGIVENESS

1) What we know - Jesus is real in this world (vs. 1)

According to John's own experience, Jesus was a _____ who came at a _____ in history for a specific purpose - namely _____.

2) What we proclaim - Jesus is the light of the world

- _____ (vs. 2)
- _____ (vss. 3-4)
- _____ (vs. 5)

3) What we risk - Jesus can be diminished in your world

- Lying to ourselves about _____ (vs. 6)
- Deceiving ourselves about _____ (vs. 8)
- Excusing our nature and endangering _____ (vs. 10)

DON'T MISS THIS:

- Fellowship and forgiveness are inextricably _____ in the Christian experience.
- True fellowship is possible only when there is consensus about the _____ and _____ of Jesus. (vs. 7)
- True forgiveness is possible only when there is recognition of the _____ _____ in our lives. (vs. 9)