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You can be forgiven

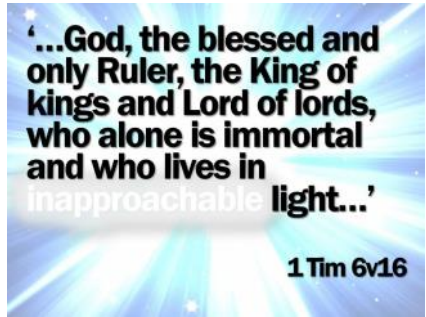
1 John 1v5-2v2



●Your deepest longing is fellowship with God

●We. Because. He.

●Two truths



- Denial

- You can know forgiveness

⇒ Jesus' blood cleanses us (1v7)

⇒ Jesus' sacrifice removes God's anger (2v2)

⇒ Jesus' presence and words speak for us (2v1)

● Free from sin

When I am lost
When I am all alone
Burdened by my sin and
shame
There's one place I can go
I look towards the cross
Where my Saviour died
Suffered in my place
The perfect sacrifice
For me so I can know

Now I am forgiven
I have been set free
Through the blood of Jesus
I have been made clean
Now I know of His mercy
because He
Died for me
I have been redeemed
Wendy O'Connell

Conversation starter

**What is the most amazing example of forgiveness you've
ever seen?**

Growth group questions

You will find it helpful to have heard the talk so why not listen at <http://leightonbaptists.org.uk/media-links/current-teaching/>

Some of these questions are personal and others are more general. Feel free to pick and choose which questions your group will find most helpful.



1. How do you react to the statement that ‘your deepest longing is for fellowship with God’? Does it feel like that?
2. Read 1 John 1v5-2v2 again. Did anything surprise you or particularly impact you from the verses or the talk?
3. Which of the 2 truths are we most liable to compromise on? Why? Can you think of examples from your own experience?
4. How does the idea of ‘unapproachable light’ make you feel about God? How should you respond?
5. Can you think of examples of the 3 ‘If we claim’ statements in v6, 8 and 10?
6. Our sin is personal to God—why and how?
7. *‘Jesus’ blood cleanses us: Jesus’ sacrifice removes God’s anger: Jesus presence and words speak for us’*. When we struggle to face up to our sin, in what ways do these truths help? Which is most precious to you right now??
8. How is your ‘confession’ life? Is it specific and frequent? How might it impact you if it was?

Pray that God’s spirit would convict us and we would see clearly the wonder of God’s free and full forgiveness. Pray specifically for one another.