

**CTK Community Group Sermon Discussion Questions & Announcements**  
**Week of 8/29/21**

**Sermon Discussion Questions | [Matthew 11:25-30; 1 John 1:5-2:2](#)**

1. Read 1 John 1:1-2:2
2. Notice three challenges about sin.
  - Vs 6. When we walk in darkness, what is distracting us? Are the cares and concerns of the world choking out the word, the light?
  - Vs. 8 Why is sin deceitful? Look at Mark 4:19 and Hebrews 3:13.
  - Vs. 10 Why is denial our default? Why is step one in the 12 steps so hard to take? How do we blame God for our problems?
3. How does the present value of the blood help us? Read vs. 7 and Hebrews 9:14.
4. Look at vs 9. How is God just to forgive us and cleanse us? How does Jesus our Advocate show up when we sin? Read 1 John 2:1-2. What does our Advocate tell us?
5. Read this stanza from *Let us love and sing and wonder*:

*Let us wonder; grace and justice  
Join, and point to mercy's store;  
When through grace in Christ our trust is,  
Justice smiles, and asks no more:  
He who washed us with his blood,  
Has secured our way to God.*

Celebrate Justice's smile together.

**Announcements:**

- Registration Reminder: With COVID numbers on the rise, we continue to ask that folks please register to attend on Sunday mornings. **Whether you choose distanced or open, registering allows staff to know how many seats of each type we need.**
- The **nursery is now open** for children ages 6 months - 3 years — children must be able to sit on their own independently. The room is open to **8 registered participants**, with a waitlist available as well. Feel free to email [Lara Kastelein](mailto:Lara.Kastelein) if you have any questions.
- Save the Date! **CTK's 25th Anniversary party will be Saturday, September 18th from 5-8p.** There are other ways to participate, including [video and photo submissions](#). Please visit [ctkcambridge.org/ctk-anniversary](http://ctkcambridge.org/ctk-anniversary) for more details.
  - Also, the group hosting the 25th anniversary is **looking to borrow a couple pop-up canopy tents**. If you own one that you are willing to loan for a day please contact Naomi Layne at [nlayne@comcast.com](mailto:nlayne@comcast.com)