

## Week 5: Forgiveness in the Son

**Big Idea:** Jesus offers full forgiveness to those who confess their sin

NB: you'll need to **print out copies of the 'manuscript discovery' page** below (ie. NIV text without headings and section breaks)



1. Read through the whole letter of John together out loud (this should take around 12-15 min. Change readers often to stop people dozing off!)



2. Read through a second time and ask each person to mark up their copy with:
  - = in the margin for a significant change of topic or section break
  - O circle words or ideas that are repeated
  - ? next to something you have questions about

3. Discuss:
  - a. What did you notice about the structure of the letter?
  - b. What words / ideas were repeated most?
  - c. What is your top question? (don't answer them yet - that's what the rest of the term is for!)



4. Re-read 1:5-2:2 (we'll come back to 1.1-4 next week)
  - a. What wrong 'claims' does John warn against? (there are three) What is wrong about them?
  - b. What is the basis of confidence or assurance John offers? What are the different ways this is described?



5. Do you tend to be more inclined to a) downplay sin, or b) doubt that you are forgiven?
6. How does this verse help us in both these cases?
7. Use your time in prayer triplets / pairs to confess sin that it son your conscience and pray for one another. **Collect the manuscript printouts to use for next week**



Discussion Question



Context Question



Structure Question



Observation Question



Meaning Question



Application Question