

UNSHAKEABLE

INTIMACY WITH GOD LEADS TO CONFIDENT FAITH

About the Series: In a dark world, God is light. In a cold world, God brings love. In a dying world, God brings life. In this study of John's first letter, you will learn what it means to be in fellowship with God and see that growing more intimately close to Him builds up a confident faith that will allow you to be unshakeable in times of uncertainties.

PART 1

An Intimate Fellowship with God

1 John 1:1—2:2 | Dr. Stephen G. Tan

Discussion Questions

1. Psalm 68:19 says that your Heavenly Father daily loads you with benefits. Is that true in your life? Why do you or do you not think so?
2. Read 1 John 1:1 to 2:2 and discuss these biblical principles on having fellowship with God.

The joy of our eternal life is rooted in an intimate fellowship with God (v. 1-4). Who was John and what personal relationship did he have with the Lord Jesus Christ? How would you define eternal life? When does eternal life begin (v. 3)? If eternal life begins now here on earth, how should you live your life, then? Why and how would you pursue an intimate relationship with Jesus?

Righteous living through Christ is essential to having an intimate fellowship with God (v. 5-7). How is God's divine holiness being addressed in verse 5? What inconsistencies does John talk about in verse 6? As a Christian, why is it always better to live in righteousness, though it may not always be easy to do, than to live in sin? How is it possible for Christians to have access and truly enjoy fellowship with God?

Regular confession of sin through self-examination is necessary to maintain good fellowship with the Lord (v. 8-10). In what way do Christians deceive themselves? How are you exercising the confession of sin in your daily life? What are some of the sins that you may be in denial about, hence hindering your intimacy with God? What should you do about it?

We should desire intimacy and fellowship with God because Jesus Christ has saved us (v. 2:1-2). Why do Christians still fall into sin? What does it mean to have Jesus Christ as your advocate? How do you respond to Jesus for paying for your sins and speaking in your defense to the Father?

Reflect & Respond

What's the most difficult and challenging situation you faced? How do you cultivate intimacy and fellowship with God so that your faith becomes unshakeable during those times? Do you have the joy of eternal life? Do you live righteously through Christ? Do you regularly confess your sin through self-examination? Do you desire intimacy and fellowship with God because Jesus Christ has saved you?

Prayer

Heavenly Father, You are the God who created everything—the omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent God. Yet I, who is nothing compared to who You are, am so precious in your sight that through Jesus Christ Your Son You gave me access to an intimate fellowship with You. Help me respond by loving you more and serving you fully. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.