



## **The Walk: Pt. 2; Walk the Talk**

In our communities, Christians are expected to act different. If we follow Jesus, our behavior should reflect that. Is that always the case though? If we're being honest, the answer is no. Because of sin, we can't walk like Jesus, or "walk the talk", on our own. The apostle John knew that our sinful nature would keep us separated from God and Jesus' example - that there would be a gap in our lives. Through Jesus, though, we are all provided with a bridge that crosses that gap.

**Bottom Line:** Jesus is both our advocate and our atonement so that we can walk the talk.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Describe a time when someone you know took the punishment for something you did. How did you respond to that?
2. What does it mean to "practice what you preach" or "walk the talk"? Give an example of a time when you or someone you know said something and didn't follow through with it. What was the outcome?
3. **Read 1 John 2:5-6.** This passage explains that those who believe in Jesus should walk like Jesus walked. How can and should Christians be an example to their friends, in their workplace, and in the community?
4. **Read 1 John 1:8-10.** What does John mean in these passages? How do you think the audience that heard John say this respond to him? What is your response?
5. **Read 1 John 2:1-2.** How does the promise in these passages impact you?
6. What does God desire for everyone who believes in him? How can you direct your energy towards God's desire for you?
7. Give an example of how you can use each of the action steps below to "walk the talk".
  - Show love
  - Live in obedience
  - Pause to pray
  - Connect in community
8. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
9. How can the group encourage you this week?

\*If time doesn't allow for you to discuss all of these questions, use only the ones you feel would be most helpful for your group.