

Probing

- **Probing:** to “take the _____ temperature”; probing in discipleship looks like _____, encouraging, or _____ the other person toward gospel alignment.
 - **The _____ is the centerpiece of Christian discipleship.**
- *Point for Today:* In discipleship, we probe to ensure we are accurately _____ to the _____ of Christ.
 - *Our Goal:* to foster a heart that is...
 - Fully aware of its _____ for Christ
 - Fully aware of the _____ of grace.

The Gospel in Discipleship

- **1 John 1:5-2:2**
 - *vv. 5-7*
 - Walking in the Light vs. Walking in the Darkness
 - Walking in Darkness = liars who do not have the truth
 - Walking in Light =
 - “...we have _____ with one another...”
 - This kind of fellowship (v. 3) is how we measure discipleship.
 - “...and the _____ of _____ his Son cleanses us from all sin.”
 - **Consideration #1:** When you probe – or take the spiritual temperature – what the spiritual thermostat should indicate is that the _____ is fully aware of their need for _____.
 - *vv. 8-10*

- If we make light the weightiness of our sin, we rob the cross of its power.
 - To believe we do not have sin is to _____ in darkness.
- **Consideration #2:** We probe – or we take our spiritual temperature – so that we consistently remind one another that Christ's _____ is fully _____ to cover our sins.
 - Romans 7:24-25

List Exercise

- Two sins or struggles on the list I most identify with (you don't have to write them down): _____
 - Pronouncement of grace.
 - 1 John 1:9; Matt. 11:28-30; 2 Cor. 12:9; John 19:30; Psalm 103:1-5; Eph. 2:4-5; 2 Tim. 1:9; Eph. 2:8-9

Do not Sin: The Gospel in Discipleship (Continued)

- 2, vv. 1-2
 - **Romans 6:1-3** – “Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?”

Summary:

- **Point:** we probe to ensure we are accurately aligned to the gospel of Christ.
 - We need to be effectively and thoughtfully involved in the life of our _____ so that we can take one another's “spiritual temperature” and further prompt _____ alignment.