

MIXTAPE WEEK 7 - GROUP DISCUSSION

INTRODUCTION

Sin is a word usually reserved for church talk. It is unlikely you hear the term at work or other public spaces. Even people who do horrible things are labeled corrupt, evil, vile and other, but typically not sinners. It seems archaic. Yet sin is used 400+ times in the Bible. For people who believe scripture has authority in their lives, sin is very real and something that needs to be dealt with. It is “a transgression of divine law.” Basically, it is anything that is not God’s will.

BIBLE REFERENCES

Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sin is put out of sight!
²Yes, what joy for those whose record the Lord has cleared of guilt, whose lives are lived in complete honesty!
³When I refused to confess my sin, my body wasted away, and I groaned all day long.
⁴Day and night your hand of discipline was heavy on me. My strength evaporated like water in the summer heat.
⁵Finally, I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide my guilt. I said to myself, “I will confess my rebellion to the Lord.” And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone.
⁶Therefore, let all the godly pray to you while there is still time, that they may not drown in the floodwaters of judgment.
⁷For you are my hiding place; you protect me from trouble. You surround me with songs of victory.
⁸The Lord says, “I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.
⁹Do not be like a senseless horse or mule that needs a bit and bridle to keep it under control.”
¹⁰Many sorrows come to the wicked, but unfailing love surrounds those who trust the Lord.
¹¹So rejoice in the Lord and be glad, all you who obey him! Shout for joy, all you whose hearts are pure. Psalm 32 NLT.

DISCUSSION

1. What is the difference between sin and mistakes (the Bible says we are sinners not mistakers)? What are the consequences of sin (verses 3-4, 6)?
2. What does it mean to “confess my sin” (verses 3 and 5)?
3. What is the good news for us when we confess (verses 5-8, 10-11)?
4. What did you most need to hear from this talk?

SUGGESTED PRAYER

Father give us the courage to come clean with our sin. We take comfort knowing you forgive us and put our sin out of sight! Thank you for promising to bring us back to a place of refuge and joy. Thank you for your unfailing love. Amen.