

## “It Doesn’t Matter What You Do, As Long As You Don’t Hurt Anyone”

Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.  
Then you will know the truth, and **the truth will set you free.**” - *John 8:31-32 NIV*

### CULTURAL MISBELIEFS ABOUT SIN

**1. “I’m Not A \_\_\_\_\_.”**

If we claim to be without sin, **we deceive ourselves** and the truth is not in us. - *1 John 1:8 NIV*

There is no one righteous, **not even one.** - *Romans 3:10 NIV*

**2. All \_\_\_\_\_ Is The \_\_\_\_\_.**

For the wages of sin is **death**, but the gift of God is **eternal life** in Christ Jesus our Lord. - *Romans 6:23 NIV*

#### WHAT WE DO AFFECTS...

\_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_

“[The Pharisees] devour widows’ houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. Such men will be **punished most severely.**” - *Luke 20:47 NIV*

“Therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of **a greater sin.**” - *John 19:11 NIV*

Run from sexual sin! **No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does.** For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body. - *1 Corinthians 6:18 NLT*

**3. “Since I’ve Already \_\_\_\_\_, I Might As Well \_\_\_\_\_.”**

Should we **keep on sinning** so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? **Of course not!** Since we have died to sin, **how can we continue to live in it?** Have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus **in baptism**... For we died and were buried with Christ **by baptism**. And... now we also may live new lives. We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might **lose its power in our lives**. We are no longer slaves to sin. For when we died with Christ we were **set free from the power of sin.** - *Romans 6:1-7 NLT*

The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith... **whose consciences have been seared** as with a hot iron. - *1 Corinthians 4:1-2 NIV*

And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide **a way out** so that you can endure it. - *1 Corinthians 10:13 NIV*

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. **If we confess our sins,** [God] is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and **purify us from all unrighteousness.** - *1 John 1:8-9 NIV*

### DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Share some “driving sin” stories—if you’ve ever been tempted to road rage.
- Share some of your pet peeves that might lead to sinful actions.
- Which is greater in your life: knowledge or obedience?
- Share a story of when you let yourself off the hook for a sin because you’re a “good person.”
- What choices do people make because they think they’re not really hurting anyone? What about you?
- Tell a story of a time when you were tempted and God gave you a way out.