



# EXPLORE

WALKING WITH JESUS & HIS CHURCH

## “Sin: Omission & Commission”

There are two basic ways we sin: either by omission or commission. Sins of omission are those in which we knew we should have done something good, but refused which is willful disobedience (James 4:17). Sin of omission hurts those around us & neglects our calling. A sin of commission is a sin we take action to commit, whether in thought, word, or deed. A sin of commission can be intentional or unintentional.

### Scripture Verses:

- Genesis 3:6–7
- Psalm 51:4
- Isaiah 59:1–2
- Romans 5:12–14
- Romans 6:23
- 2 Corinthians 5:21

### Study Questions:

What are some euphemisms people use today for sin (e.g. “white lies”)?

Why do you think people use them? Do you ever hear the word “sin” used outside of the church?

How have you seen the effects and/or consequences of sin in your own life or in your family history?

Why are sins of omission so much easier to downplay than sins of commission?

What sins of omission does Jesus condemn in each of the following scenarios? Which is most convicting to you?

The Parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-15, 18, 24-28)

Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-33, 36)

The Least of These (Matthew 25:41-46)

What thoughts/ideas/images first come to mind when you hear the word “repent?” Share a time in your life when you remember making a conscious decision to turn away from something you knew was wrong and you choosing a different way instead.

### On your own this week work through the following exercise

Is there an area/areas of sin in my life that needs to be exposed? Write them down. Name each specifically. Allow God to give you His sorrow over the sin. Allowing Him to help you love what He loves and hate what He hates. Ask God to forgive you? And accept His forgiveness. Resolve to change, asking God to free you from the power of the sin habit.

**PRAY**

