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## bigIdea small group discussion

Most of us know people who think their sins are no big deal and don't need to be taken seriously. At the same time we also know people who think their sins are so big that they can never recover from them. What if both groups are wrong? Are some sins too big to recover from? Are other sins no big deal? Do sins have sizes?



**BIG IDEA:** *When we see the seriousness of our own sin, the sins of others don't look as big.*

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Do the shortcomings and sins of other people make you angry? If you answered no, think about the shortcomings of your partner (if you are married) or people at work. (We're just shooting for honesty here...)
2. Is it easier to find sin in other people than it is in yourself? Why?
3. Do you think that some sins are 'bigger' than others? In the message, Chris drew a distinction around two sins (sexual sin, and sinning against the Holy Spirit), but said that other sins were essentially the same.
4. *With your Bible or YouVersion, read Galatians 5:19-21.* Do you agree that 'jealousy' is as serious a sin as 'wild partying'? Why or why not?
5. What sins do Christians tend to tolerate (if you read through to verse 26, you'll see that Paul lists some other sins as well)? Which sins do Christians tend to frown upon? Do you think God feels the same way about these sins?
6. *With your Bible or YouVersion, read Galatians 5:24* makes a radical statement. What would happen if you nailed every passion and desire of your sinful nature to the cross - both for sins you consider 'big' and those you aren't as concerned about? How different would your life look different if you did that?



### MOVING FORWARD

This week, stop focusing on the sins of others and start to focus on the size and cost of your own sin. Ask God to forgive you for the 'little things' as well as the bigger things. At the end of the week, take some time to reflect on how focusing on your own sin has changed your relationship with God and how it's changed your relationship with others.

### CHANGING YOUR MIND

*"Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there."* Galatians 5:24

