

GROUP STUDY - FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE

What was the most significant thing you learned from the sermon or something in the sermon you didn't quite understand?

INTRO - SHARE SCRIPTURE

Share a favorite Scripture about God's forgiveness.

DIGGING INTO THE TEXT

- Who do we deceive if we claim we are without sin?
- To confess means to agree with God about our sin. We stop excusing, minimizing, or renaming it and acknowledge our guilt before Him. If we confess our sins to Christ, what does He faithfully do?
- How do 1 John 1:7, 1:9, and Romans 3:26 explain why God is both "faithful and just" when He forgives us?
- If we say we have not sinned, what does that make God and what does that say about us?

TAKEAWAYS

TAKE GOD AT HIS WORD

Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:1-10; Micah 7:18; Psalm 103:11-12; 2 Corinthians 1:20

- What does sin deserve? Where are you tempted to treat lightly what God takes seriously?
- After genuinely confessing, why might we still doubt His forgiveness? What are we saying about God when we refuse to believe His promise?

FIX YOUR EYES ON THE CROSS

- Read Genesis 39. Pay particular attention to Joseph's response to temptation in verse 9. What did Joseph understand about God that made sin unthinkable?
- Read Psalm 19:13-14; 86:11-13; Galatians 2:20; Hebrews 12:2
- How does fixing our eyes on Christ keep us from treating sin or grace lightly?
- How does remembering who God is and what Christ has done strengthen us against temptation?
- Why is this more powerful than simply focusing on the sin we are trying to avoid?
- First John 1:8-10 leaves no room for "sinless perfection" in this life. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves. At the same time, grace does not permit us to become comfortable with sin. We confess it, fight it, and keep returning to Christ. Our confidence before God does not rest on our ability to perform perfectly. Our confidence is Christ, not sinless perfection

Challenge: Confess your sin quickly this week. When temptation comes, do not stare only at the sin or depend upon your willpower. Fix your eyes on Jesus, remember who He is and what He has done, and ask Him to give you an undivided heart that fears His name.