



## **MISCONCEPTIONS:** DISCERNING COMMONLY ACCEPTED MYTHS

Many catchy phrases and advice shared with us lack a biblical foundation and should be critically evaluated by believers.

WEEK TWO

MISCONCEPTION #2: **SIN IS NOT THAT BIG OF A DEAL**

**OPEN** If someone asked you how to describe sin, what would you tell them?

**READ** Matthew 5:30; Romans 6:23; James 4:17

And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

**MATTHEW 5:30**

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**ROMANS 6:23**

If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.

**JAMES 4:17**

### **DISCUSS**

- What do these verses tell us about sin?
- Why do you think sin creates a sense of urgency in these passages?
- Does James' words come as a surprise to you?

**WATCH** Sin Is Not That Big of a Deal Video

## NOTES

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### The Bible describes sin as the following:

- “Brings forth death” (James 1:14-15)
- “Wickedness” (Romans 6:13)
- “Wrath of God” (Col 3:6)
- Makes creation “Worthless” (Rom 3:9-20)
- “Lawlessness” (1 John 3:4)
- “Death” (Rom 5:12-14)
- Deserves punishment (2 Cor 5:21)
- “Wages of sin is death” (Rom: 6:23)
- “Desires to have us” (Genesis 4:7)
- “Evil” (Mark 7:20-23)
- “Deceitful ways” (Psalms 119:29)
- “Unholy,” “treacherous” (2 Tim 3:-15)
- “Separation from God” (Isaiah 59:2)

## DISCUSS

1. What resonated most with you from the message?
2. Briefly summarize David's sin and its consequences. How can David's story serve as a cautionary tale for us today?
3. What are some ways sin can affect our lives and the lives of those around us today?

4. Share your thoughts on the statement: "Sin always leads to more sin." Can you think of any examples from your life or in the Bible (other than David) where this was true?
5. How can we help others who are struggling with the consequences of their sin?

**REFLECT:** According to the "**B.R.O.**" acronym, we can fight against sin by remembering the following.

- B)** Bring it to life
- R)** Remove access
- O)** One day at a time

6. **Bring it to life:** Why is it important to confess our sins to God and potentially to a trusted Christian friend/mentor for accountability?

**Important Note:** This does not mean sharing personal details with everyone or on social media, but rather seeking guidance and support from someone who can help you grow in your faith.

7. **Remove access:** What practical steps can we take to remove access to temptation and opportunities to sin? Why is it important to eliminate these access points?
8. **One day at a time:** What does it mean to take things "one day at a time" when fighting against sin? Why is this approach important for overcoming temptation and growing in our faith?
9. According to 2 Corinthians 12:9-10, what does it mean for God's grace to be sufficient for us? How can this verse encourage us in our fight against sin?

**REFLECT:** [To yourself]

What have you gone back to that you need to turn away from? Where is the Holy Spirit convicting you to address that you have been putting off?

10. Is there anything specific you will commit to doing this week to fight against sin? (share with the group if you are comfortable doing so)

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**MEMORIZE**

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

**ROMANS 6:23**

**PRAY**

- Pray for one another.
- Pray for upcoming victories in areas that need growth.
- Pray for the courage to do a self-inventory.