

# Heroes

## Small Group Discussion Guide—8/26/2018

What is one of your favorite movies, books, or tv shows of all time where the main character portrays a hero? What are the qualities you most admire about this character?

We all admire heroes, or saviors, and this week we looked at Jesus as the world's supreme Savior. What does it mean to you for someone to be a savior?

Merriam-Webster defines "savior" as one that saves from danger or destruction. Does this definition fit for describing Jesus as Savior? Would you add or change anything about it?

Sin is toxic. Many passages in the Bible warn of the dangers of sin. As you look up the following passages, feel the weight of the seriousness of sin.

- James 1:14-15
- Isaiah 59:2
- Romans 6:23

Imagine there's a bright colorful drink and you have a child who wants to drink it, but you know that it's actually a lethal poison. What would you do?

Does this image change how you see God and/or sin? What is your response to this?

We are freed from the **penalty** of sin by inviting Jesus into our **lives**. We are freed from the **power** of sin by inviting Jesus into our **days**.

- Describe what it was like when you first invited Jesus into your life – did you understand that you had been freed from a penalty?
- Even if you have trusted Jesus with your life, that doesn't mean your sin nature is gone. Think about the sins that still hold power in your life and share with the group only if you're comfortable.
- How can you practically invite Jesus into your days to help conquer the power of sin?

### Bonus Exercises:

Read John 5:1-8. What does God promise if we stay connected with Him? How should this shape our priorities each day? Let's look at some specific examples of fruit we might bear if we stay connected to the vine by reading Galatians 5:22-23.

- What are some of the examples of fruit you've seen in your own life, or in the lives of someone in your group?
- If you had to pick one, which fruit of the spirit would you most like to produce? Why?
- How can we stay connected this week to bear more fruit?

Make sure and pray together as a group, giving thanks to God for providing a Savior to save us from the heat of the threat of sin!