

# Community Group Discussion Guide

## Step 01: Recap what our current series is all about.

**Note:** Remind the group what series we're currently on (since not everyone will have been at church recently) and read through the series description provided below to refresh everyone on what it's all about.

**Series Title:** The Message

**Description:** There is only one road that leads to life. Spoiler alert—it's Jesus. In John's day, as there are in ours, people proclaimed alternate messages claiming to teach the "real" way. The letter we call 1 John today, is a powerful reminder of the truth about Jesus, and why it alone has the power to save.

## Step 02: Recap of this week's message.

**Note:** Read through the message outline with everyone briefly. You can stop and make comments as you see fit or read straight through it. Make sure you take time to read through the main text.

**Message Title:** Confessions

**Main Text:** 1 John 1:8-2:6

**Supporting Texts:** John 15:1-11

**Message Outline:**

Point 1: Confession Leads to Forgiveness (1:9)

- We have to be willing to admit that we are sinners in need of a Savior. Otherwise we short-circuit our need for Jesus.

Point 2: Forgiveness Leads to Abiding (2:6)

- Admitting our sin, and confessing it, is worthwhile because it leads us into life-giving relationship ("abiding") with Jesus. (see John 15:1-11)

## Step 03: Lead group discussion.

**Note:** Do your best to keep the discussion going. Make sure you have read through the questions beforehand and are primed with

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thoughts of your own. Make everyone get specific with *how* they will apply this message in their own lives and in community—*no vague ideas allowed!*

### **Specific to this week's message:**

1. Why do we attempt to hide our sin at times, rather than confessing it? Why is hiding our sin so unnecessary?

### **General questions:**

1. How did this message encourage you? How did it convict you?
2. What is your plan for applying this message to your personal/daily life?
3. What might it look like for us to live this out in community?
4. Was there anything about this message that stood out to you?