



# Life Group Guide

A GUIDE FOR LIFE GROUPS, FAMILIES OR INDIVIDUAL STUDY



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## THE CHRISTIAN FAITH | SESSION 5

### CHAPTER 5: SIN AND EVIL

KEY TOPICS: REALITY AND RESULT OF EVIL | ORIGINAL SIN | CATEGORIES OF SIN | REACTION TO EVIL

### READING & RESOURCES

#### Read before Life Group

- Kolb - Chapter 5, "Sin and Evil"

#### Read at Life Group

- Scripture Reading: Psalm 51; John 16:4-15

#### Additional Sources

- The Bondage of the Will, Martin Luther

### STUDY QUESTIONS

1. We so often think of sin and sinning as "doing" something. How does Kolb describe it is deeper than that? (p. 91-2)
2. Read Romans 14:13-23 that ends with "For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin." Paul describes how mature Christians use their freedoms. Now think back on your actions during the 2020-22 pandemic. Did you take this concept into account through your decisions, conversations and actions with others (e.g. wearing a mask, getting vaccinated, places you would or wouldn't visit, etc.)? If not, did you see yourself as sinning or not?
3. Look at the different categories of sin Kolb highlights on pages 98-100. Was there one that surprised you? Why?
4. What are the things that lead us to sin? How can we avoid them or "cut them out" (Matthew 5:30) of our lives?
5. Kolb quotes about the "banality of evil" with the Holocaust. Ordinary citizens making ordinary decisions they think are correct that pile up until they are collectively practicing great and terrible evil. Think hypothetically, where could our culture today do the same? How about the church?
6. Describe the cost of the ultimate evil, death. Now describe how each cost you came up with will be changed in the New Heaven and the New Earth.
7. Dr. Kolb describes different reactions to guilt (p's. 103-4). At times we wallow in it, often we try to avoid it or at least minimize it, at times we pretend we are a victim because of it. How should we react as followers of Jesus?

### CLOSE IN PRAYER

### LIFE APPLICATION

Spend some time journaling about something you feel guilty about. It could be from your past or a tendency you struggle with. Ask for God's forgiveness and acknowledging that he has set you free from sin and death.