



Discussion Guide

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Contrast: Crimes of Passion

I Corinthians 5 & 6

Introduction:

In chapters 5 and 6 of 1st Corinthians, Paul addresses some sin issues in their church family. It's never fun dealing with sin, because it separates us from God and each other. If we don't deal with it though it can devastate us and those around us that we care about. You can rest assured that these discussion questions aren't going to make you confess your deepest, darkest sin. Confessing sin to a friend you can trust and to God is a powerful and necessary thing, but in this group time, we will be talking about how that happens, and who we can talk to.

Discussion Questions

1. As a group begin by reading James 1:14-15. What are some of the reasons, that it is so hard to avoid sin?
2. Trying to deal with sin on your own, is like thinking you can drive a van full of people into a concrete barrier, but not hurt anyone. Why is it that even though our personal mistakes often affect those we care about, we still act like it only affects us?
3. One of the reasons it is so vital for us to address the sin, or missing the mark, in our lives is because our community will interpret who Jesus is by how we live our lives. That's a challenging thought. Discuss how your friends, coworkers and others view the church and Christianity. How has sin shaped that view?
4. If we can so clearly see how sin is dangerous to us and our loved ones, as well as how it affects our testimony to non-believers, then we need to more directly address it like Paul did for the Corinthian church. Who are people in your life, that you can speak honestly and directly to about sin or where you are missing the mark?



5. A lot of the sin we struggle with comes out of selfish behavior. If we can grow to become less selfish, it should lead towards growth in resisting sin. Read 1 Corinthians 6:19-20. Spend some time in group discussing habits that have helped you in the past focus less on your own wants/desires, and more on the needs of those God has put around you.

Moving Forward:

As you close group time in prayer, spend a moment in quiet reflection as a group. Who do you have that you can be honest about sin in your life? When was the last time you talked to them or that they approached you to talk? If we cannot be real with ourselves about where we are missing the mark, we will never reach our greater potential. After a few moments of quiet reflection, close your prayer time by asking God to put those people in our day to day lives to challenge us to grow.