

Let's Discuss...Sin

PART 5 *It's the Relationship, Not the Incident*



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Scriptures mentioned:

Adam & Eve hide from God
after they've sinned
Genesis 3:8-10

*There is therefore now no
condemnation for those who
are in Christ Jesus. For the law
of the Spirit of life has set you
free in Christ Jesus from the
law of sin and death.*
Romans 8:1 ESV

*The mind ruled by the power
of sin is at war with God.*
Romans 8:7a NIRV

The life of King David
1 & 2 Samuel and many of the
Psalms

*"I have found David son of
Jesse, a man after my own
heart..."*
Acts 13:22c NIV (see also 1
Samuel 13:14)

Hey Group Leaders!

Consider this flow for the study time together with your small group:

1. See if anyone wants to share on what came up for them as they reflected on this over the last week:

Do you have someone in your life who you are fully accountable to - someone who you are completely honest with and who will give you loving constructive feedback, even if it's hard to hear? If you can't name someone yet, consider who you could entrust with this role in your life and reach out to them!

Bonus! As you go through your week, reflect on Philippians 4:8 in light of the idea of exile. Pay attention to what you engage with and the qualities that you are being exposed to through your conversations, activities, entertainment, or even your own thoughts. Do they reflect the qualities in Philippians 4:8, or not? As a result, do they make you feel "at home" in God's presence, or more like you're wandering in exile?

2. Watch this week's video, **Let's Discuss...Sin PART 5_It's the Relationship, Not the Incident.**
3. Choose a couple of the "Let's Discuss..." questions below to discuss in your group.
4. Go over this week's reflection prompt with your group.
5. Choose someone in your group (try to pick someone different each week) to close in prayer, using the prompt below as a guide. Additionally, see if there are any other prayer requests amongst the group and allow your group members the opportunity to pray for each other.

Summary

In this final video on the theme of sin, we talk about how we can respond in the event that we do make a mistake and sin. Paulie sums it up perfectly when describing the heart of our Good Father...He cares more about the relationship than the incident. Instead of turning away from God because of the guilt we feel, He wants us to turn toward Him knowing that there we will find grace, forgiveness, and help for whatever we are facing.

Let's Discuss...

- When you know you've sinned, what is your usual go to response? How does that help or hurt you?
- Jonny mentions how the Bible says that David, despite all his mistakes and failures, was described as a man after God's own heart. Why do you think the Bible describes Him this way even though he committed such grievous sins?
- Jonny also talks about how one thing that David did not do was to worship other gods. Read Exodus 34:14. How does it make you feel to know that God is jealous for your worship and affection?

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You must worship no other gods, for the Lord, whose very name is Jealous, is a God who is jealous about His relationship with you.
Exodus 34:14 NLT

- After all we've discussed on the theme of sin, what have you learned about God's heart towards you, and how does this affect your view of sin?

Let's Reflect This Week...

When you experience a big win, who is the first person you want to tell? When you make a mistake, where do you turn? This week, be intentional to turn everything you experience, big or small, sinful or saintly, high or low, into an opportunity to increase your intimacy with your Heavenly Father. Rejoice with Him, grieve with Him, ask Him to show you where in the world you left your keys this time! He cares about every detail of your life.

Let's Pray...

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Romans 8:1 ESV

- As we conclude this short study on sin, let's ask God to continue to align our hearts with His on this theme, allowing us to walk further from the shadows of condemnation and into the light of His expansive freedom. Let's pray that these truths will make such a difference in our everyday lives that those around us will be drawn to the freedom He offers them as well.

Let's Go Deeper...

- **How could David be considered a man after God's own heart?** by GotQuestions.org [article]
- **The Intentional Father** by Jon Tyson [book]