

APPLICATION QUESTIONS
Applying this message to everyday life

- A. When a married person is convicted of a secret sin and wishes to expose it, who should they expose it to first?
- B. Hypothetically, what would be a sin that would be relatively easy to expose to others? What would be a sin that would be very difficult to expose to others? Why does such a difference exist?
- C. Ask your group if anyone has a secret sin to confess. Remember that what is spoken in your Life Group stays in your Life Group. What can you do to encourage them toward victory?
- D. As the Spirit leads, confess your sins to one another, concluding with a time of prayer. (See James 5:16)

Authentic Jesus
#635 – Sin: Cover or Confess
1 John 1:6-2:2

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Sin: Cover or Confess

Sin is any lack of _____ to the moral character of God or the law of God.

How We Try To Cover Our Sins

1. By telling lies to _____ (v. 6)
2. By telling lies to _____ (v. 8)
3. By trying to make God a _____ (v. 10)

A person who covers sin _____ applying the Bible to their own life, is _____ of other Christians, has no _____ in prayer, finds worship to be _____, and begins staying away from church.

John is confronting Gnosticism which is not concerned with _____ behavior; redemption for the gnostic involves release from ignorance, not sin.

We Can Confess Our Sins

1. To confess sin is more than admitting it. To confess sin is to say the _____ about it that God says about it.
2. True confession is naming sin - calling it by _____ what God calls it: envy, hatred, lust, deceit, or whatever it may be.

We Can Have Victory Over Sin

1. _____ is found in the phrase "walk in the light" (v 7).
2. When the light reveals our sin to us, we _____ confess it to God and claim His forgiveness (v 9).
3. We can never lose the sin nature that we were born with, but John makes it clear that _____ do not have to sin (v 2:1).

Christ is the Sacrifice for the sins of the whole world, but He is an _____ only for believers.

GETTING-TO-KNOW-ME QUESTIONS

Sharing time to get your group started

- A. What are your summer vacation plans?

- B. What do you like best about living on the central coast?

- C. Name an area of cultural morality (other than abortion and pornography) that is widely accepted but contradictory to what is revealed in the Bible?

LIFE GROUP HOMEWORK – DIGGING DEEPER

Jot down a brief answer to the following four questions

Quick Review

1. Reflecting on this week's sermon, is there any principle or insight that stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful or difficult to grasp?

2. What is the difference between repentance and confession? (See Acts 3:19 and 1 John 1:9).

3. In relation to sin, we are to flee immorality, yet we are to stand against the Devil. How do you reconcile the idea of fleeing with the idea of standing? Reference 1 Cor 6:18, 10:14, 2 Tim 2:22, Eph 6:10-17.

4. Satan is described as "roaring lion, looking for someone to devour." (1 Peter 5:8). How can you guard against being the one devoured?