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Small Group Discussion Guide

“Sin and the City”

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“You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.”

- Romans 6:18

Discussion Questions

1. Describe some of the sins that are most prevalent in American culture. How do these compare to the sins of other cultures.
2. Why do you think so many Christians are comfortable with sin, as opposed to being outraged by it?
3. Read Isaiah 47:8-10. Is this passage relevant today? How so? Do you know anyone that exemplifies this sort of indomitable attitude?
4. Read Romans 5:19. Discuss the idea of “*original sin*” (i.e. the belief that humans are born sinful). Where does free will come into the picture? What makes someone a sinner?
5. Scripture says, “*If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come*” (2 Cor. 5:17). What is *the old* stuff that is gone? What is *the new* stuff that has come?
6. Read Galatians 2:20. What does it look like in everyday life to allow Jesus to live in you and through you? How do we get out of the way and permit Him to take over?
7. The presence of sin requires more than awareness. It demands a response. How should Christians respond to the sin that surrounds them?

The Big Idea

In his letter to the Romans, the Apostle Paul sets forth the “good news” about Jesus in a very straightforward way. He argues that sin entered the world through Adam’s choice in the Garden of Eden. As a result, everything was corrupted by sin, including us. But God sent his only Son to set us free from sin. And when we accept Jesus we receive the “Spirit of Life.” This means that we are no longer controlled by sin. Instead we are given the power to obey. Unfortunately, many Christians allow sin to creep back into their life. And many of us are comfortable with sin because we are surrounded by the sins of the world. Yet God desires for us to be holy and pure; obedient to Him in everyway.