

Doctrine of Sin
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1 John 5:16-19

1. _____ of Sin
 - a. _____ Sin-**Leviticus 4-6**
 - b. _____ Sin
 - a. _____ Sin
2. _____ for Sin
 - a. _____ of Christ
 - b. Capacity of Christ-1 **John 3:8**
 - c. _____ in Christ
3. _____ of Sin
 - a. Possibility of Present Active _____
(_____)
 - b. Possibility of Present Active _____
 - c. Possibility of Nike _____-1 John 5,
"For every child of God defeats this evil world,
and we achieve this victory through our faith."

Study Questions
Spring 2016: Week 8 of 12

(½ Hr. of Preparation Before Connection Group, More is Optional)

Looking Up to God:

It is said that in Bible study, context is key. Read Matthew 12:31-32 and Hebrews, 6:4-6 and their context (surrounding scripture). What insight do we add from the context of these passages?

It is important to understand that the act of sin is a progression from temptation. Review James 1:12-16 and write down the progression that leads to sin.

True or False: Temptation is sin.

Our sermon Scripture speaks of an evil world. This was a theme in the book of 1 John. Review from 1 John 2:15-17 and describe what an affection for the world looks like. How does this differ from an affection for God?

How does sin relate to an affection for the world over God?

Looking into Others:

Scenario: A person with deep struggles becomes a follower of Christ at LWC. They currently have a drug addiction. Following this week's sermon, they come to you for advice. In light of their addiction, they question whether they are a follower of Christ. How would you advise them?

Circle the characteristics of a person who practices sin:

- Sin is hidden or private.
- Life is aligned to accomplish this sin.
- Authentic prayer to stop sinning is ongoing.
- Within themselves, and maybe to others, they rationalize why this is acceptable.
- Communion is very important to gain forgiveness.
- The Holy Spirit provides conviction for this sin.

True or False: The doctrine of sin is a difficult topic.

True or False: The doctrine of sin is an uncomfortable topic.

How is the topic of personal light important when it comes to discussing what is sin and what it is not?

Looking Out to Others:

How does the topic of personal sin affect our ability to share God's love with others?

Looking into Myself (Private):

Pray, asking God to reveal the wicked ways in your life. We all have actions in our life that are not aligned with God. What would you consider these items of practice or struggle?

Looking Ahead:

1 John 5:20-21 is about . . .