

SCANDALOUS GRACE

PART 2: Are All Sins Forgiven?

Note to Leader: Every Small Group is Different. Don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group.

INTRODUCTION

God's grace is scandalous. It is a threat to the religious for fear of immorality or loss of control, To most people, it's simply too good to be true. All religions teach that we have to do something for God in order to get something from God. Good behaviour results in good reward from God and vice versa.

Do you believe that God through Jesus Christ has forgiven ALL your sins, past, present and future? Maybe you grew up believing that you had to ask God to forgive each and every sin I committed. This is why so many Christians have such a hard time boldly approaching God's throne like they're His children, because they constantly expect to run into an angry and resentful Dad who is consciously holding their sin against them.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Think of a time when you received something you absolutely did not deserve. How did it make you feel?
2. Sin has become an unpopular and little-used word in our culture. What do you think it is and how would you define it?
3. Read Colossians 2:13-14 slowly and thoughtfully. As you read and reread, mark any words or phrases that are meaningful to you and put a question mark by anything that you don't understand and answer the questions below:

¹³ When you were dead in your sins... God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴ having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. (Colossians 2:13-14 NIV)

- a. What was our condition when God made us alive with Christ? v.13.
 - b. How much of our sins was forgiven? v.13b.
 - c. What did sin do to us? v.14.
 - d. How and when did God remove our sin? v.14b?
4. What do the above truths mean for your own life? Please elaborate.
 5. What experience have you had with forgiven sin that could help your group?
 6. Does forgiveness mean we will not suffer the consequences of our sin?
 7. How do you feel when there is unconfessed sin in your life? Read 1 John 1:9. How can this group help?

MOVING FORWARD

⁷ "Blessed are those whose transgressions are **forgiven**, whose sins are covered.

⁸ Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord will never count against them."

(Romans 4:7-8 NIV)

CHANGING YOUR MIND

As a child of God, we don't need to keep asking for forgiveness. We simply need to confess our sins and thank God for his forgiveness.