



# DISCUSSION

1. Why do we NOT like to call sin...”sin.”
  - Hello fellow “sin-lings!” Let’s get personal: What is a particular sin(s) in your life that you struggle with? Come on, be honest!! Do you have habitual sin(s) in your life that you need to deal with? What is it? What are they?
  - Read James 5: 16. What does that say about what we should do with our sin? Wow! Hard stuff! Find somebody in your life that you can confess your sin to. Confess to them OUT LOUD, face-to-face, and in person. Hold each other accountable. Be open enough to receive somebody else’s confession. WITHOUT judgment. Warning: This is NOT easy. But living out the Christian life was never promised to be easy! Take the step of true confession.
2. Brian gave us seven consequences of sin (1. Isaiah 59:2; 2. Romans 8:7-8; 3. Romans, 6:16 and John 8:34; 4. Ephesians 4:19; 5. Galatians 6:7; 6. Galatians 6:8; 7. Romans 6:23 and James 1:15)
  - Which of these have you experienced? Have you experienced one, or more, to a deeper level than others?
3. Bottom line: we MUST learn to HATE sin! How do you (do you??) Try to root out and “learn to hate” sin? Read Matthew 5: 29–30, how can you realistically live this out? Wouldn’t we all be blind and without hands?
4. Focusing on other people’s sin is easy (Steve Whitlock’s message from two weeks ago). Focusing on our own sin is NOT easy. It’s hard. It’s humbling. It’s messy. But, we have hope! Read Psalm 103:12. What does that passage that say about our hope? Is that easy for you to believe? Can you accept that?
5. Read Jude 24. If Jesus Christ is your Savior...how will you be presented? Question: Have you confessed Jesus Christ as your Savior? Have you allowed Him into your life? If so, share your testimony (as we saw in baptisms this week). If not, what are you waiting for?

## APPLY:

1. Confess your sin to one another. Confess your sin to God.
2. Learn to HATE sin. (PS. You can’t do that on your own-only with God’s help)
3. Allow somebody to walk along-side of you and allow yourself to walk along-side of somebody else and keep accountable to each other’s sins.