



Week Three: Don't Sin

Introduction

Don't Sin - seems like an unrealistic command because we all know ourselves. We know that we have the propensity to sin whether it be a wrong word, a thoughtless action; a self centred attitude, or a hidden habit... and it feels impossible. Yet Jesus still commands us to not sin, not because he wants to condemn us, but because he knows that sin will hurt us - maybe even kill us - kill our relationship, our marriages, our families, our work and more.

Ice Breaker: Describe a time that you were embarrassed because of something you did.
OR

Why do people believe that God is quick to judge and condemn, rather than forgive and set free?

Share... (pick one to two to talk about)

- This whole scenario is a trap to trap foil Jesus, and to wrestle the following Jesus had with the people. How does sin trap you and why is it so hard to get out of.
- What do you think about this statement: When it comes to sin... "It's far easier to get entangled than untangled." Why is that so?
- Read John 8:1-11. As it is read, picture the scene. Who do you identify with most? The woman, the crowd, or some other aspect? What do Jesus's words speak into your life regarding conviction of sin over condemnation of sin?
- In Jesus situation, what would you feel most pressured to do:
 - go along with the crowd
 - do what Moses' Law required
 - compromise my moral convictions
 - be compassionate and forgiving
- We all sin. What do you do when you blow it?
 - crawl into a hole
 - try to be extra good
 - confess it to God and move on
 - confess it to another person
 - shrug it off.

Bottom Line

The truth is that Jesus is more willing to forgive sin than we are to come to Him for forgiveness. He has already paid for your sin, so why continue in it. This story should encourage to confess the sin, ask for Jesus forgiveness, and move on. Take some time to pray about that now.

Reflect: "Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."" (John 8:10-11 NIV)

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