

# *Be a* DISCIPLE

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## **Be a Disciple Week 2 - You Need God's Forgiveness**

**In this campaign we are learning about the 4 chairs of Discipleship –**

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Chair 3 - Become a Fisher of People (Matt 4:19)

Chair 4 - Go Make Disciples (Matthew 28:19)

**As Disciples of Jesus we are asking these 2 questions:**

What chair are you in?

What chair do you need to move towards?

**Throughout these eight weeks will focus on the Eight Attitudes we need to have in order to GROW in our relationship with God.**

Matthew 5:4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

**The second Attitude we will look at is Spiritual Guilt or knowing we need God's Forgiveness.**

**Have someone read these verses:**

Romans 3:23 For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Who does God say in these verses has done wrong or sinned before God?

What does God say is the payment or penalty for this sin?

What does God say in these verses is the way to receive forgiveness?

**After we become followers of Jesus the Apostle John addresses our issue with Sin and how to handle it on an ongoing basis:**

**Read these verses:**

1 John 1:5-10 This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all. 6 So we are lying if we say we have fellowship with God but go on living in spiritual darkness; we are not practicing the truth. 7 But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. 9 But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. 10 If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts.

It is important to recognize that when we trust Jesus as savior all of our sin is wiped away and forgiven. This is called Justification.

As believers we are then Sanctified or “set apart” for God. This means we are to live a holy or righteous life.

In order to maintain spiritual health, we must confess our sins or failings on a daily basis in order to keep our hearts right before God.

**Questions:**

1. When do you first remember feeling guilty for something you had done?
2. When do you first remember being honest about something you did wrong and seeking to make it right?
3. Why do we need to know we are spiritually guilty before God in order to be healthy spiritually?
4. When did you first realize you needed God’s forgiveness?
5. How do you tend to recognize you are doing something that does not please God in your life right now? Scripture, Holy Spirit, Someone confronts or tells you, other?
6. How often do you find yourself asking God for forgiveness currently?
7. What is the greatest obstacle that keeps you from going to God for forgiveness, on a regular basis?
8. Do you ever feel that you do not want to bother God with “that same issue again”? Do you ever feel like a failure for doing the wrong thing again, so you do not want to go talk to God about it “again”? Why is this wrong thinking?

As you pray together tonight, encourage everyone to share a need. As you pray, ask everyone to pray with their hands open with their palms up, as a physical way of showing our need for God’s provision and help.

**Weekly Challenge:** As you pray this week, whenever possible, pray with your hands up to the sky showing you surrender to God. Ask God to make you aware of areas in your life you need His forgiveness. Ask Him for forgiveness every day as you are made aware of areas you are struggling to live up to His standards.