

Sin and Forgiveness

1 John 1:5-10; 1 John 2:1-6

Lesson Aim: To understand the seriousness of sin, embrace that God has provided forgiveness through Jesus Christ, and as believers commit to a walk of obedience.

Key Verse: "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." – 1 John 1:8-9

Concepts:

1. God's nature is absolute purity and truth (1 John 1:5)
2. We cannot sin habitually and claim a relationship with God. (1 John 1:6-7)
3. Everyone sins, therefore it is good to be honest about our struggles with sin. (1 John 1:8)
4. God will forgive a sincere confession of sin. (1 John 1:9)
5. Denying sin opposes God and proves our faith is false. (1 John 1:10)
6. Jesus stands on our behalf when we sin, having paid the ultimate sacrifice (1 John 2:1-2).
7. Keeping God's commandments shows we know and love him. (2 John 2:3-5, 6)