

WEEK 1

MIDDLE SCHOOL DISCUSSION GUIDE



THIS WEEK

BIG IDEA

Sin is the way that leads to death.

BIBLE

Genesis 3:1-6; Isaiah 53:6; Romans 6:23;
Ephesians 2:4-5; James 5:16

ABOUT THIS WEEK

This week, we'll take a look at how the Bible describes sin and its consequences. Unfortunately, many of us think about sin like it's not that big of a deal, but scripture is clear that **sin is the way that leads to death**. Therefore, we are all in desperate need of a savior.

Let's Break the Ice

- *Have you ever been lost before? How old were you and what was it like?*

Bible Study

Read Together: As a group, read Genesis 3:1-6 (*Telos Bible Page Numbers: pg 4*)

- What are some of the similarities and differences between the story of Adam and Eve and the ways we are tempted to sin today?

Read Together: As a group, read Isaiah 53:6 (*Telos Bible Page Numbers: 710*)

- Do you think Isaiah is being too harsh here when he compares us to dumb sheep? Why or why not?
- Why do you think we choose sin over God's way?

Read Together: As a group, read Romans 6:23 (*Telos Bible Page Numbers: 1105*)

- Does death seem like too extreme of a consequence for sin?

Discussion Questions:

- Why do you think God didn't leave us to fix our sin problem on our own? What do you think would happen if it was up to us to solve our sin problem?
- James 5:16 talks about the importance of confessing our sin. Does anyone have experience doing that? How did it go?
- What's the difference between repentance and just saying you're sorry?

Make it Real:

- If you truly believe that sin leads to death, how would your life look different this week? What's one bold change you need to make to follow Jesus more fully?

3. Prayer

Pray together, asking God to help you recognize sin in your life, turn back to Him, and trust in His grace.

4. [Optional] Discipleship Moment:

This week, ask someone whose faith you admire if they can be a person that you can confess your sin to. Ask them if they would be willing to pray with you and remind you of the truth of the Gospel when sin tries to take your life over. Next week, we will check-in and ask who those people in your life are.