



Group Discussion & Application

1. Commenting on the severe penalty for Achan's sin, Dale Ralph Davis writes, "We really cannot understand God's wrath because sin does not bother us much." Why doesn't sin bother us much? How might we maintain a more sensitive and realistic view of sin?
2. What are some common errors made in dealing with our own sin? The sin of others? Sin in the life of the church?
3. In practice, what have you found helpful in overcoming sin?
4. What are some Biblical principles for confronting another person's sin?
5. How can the sin of one person affect a community of believers?
6. What makes church discipline difficult? What are the results of failing to exercise church discipline?
7. What can we do to maintain a healthy perspective on our past sins?



Personal Reflection & Response

1. Have you recognized your sin (Ro 3:23) and its consequences (Ro 6:23)?
2. Have you received the righteousness of Christ thru faith, and found forgiveness in Him?
3. What sins do you continue to war against?
4. What is your attitude toward these sins?
5. Have you confessed and repented of these?
6. What actions have you taken to remove these sins from your life?
7. Are there other people whose sins you should confront? How?



Family Homework

1. Read and discuss Romans 3:23 & 6:23.
2. Define the following: *sin*; *transgression*; *confess*; *repent*
3. Memorize Romans 3:23; 6:23, and the following catechism question/answer:
Q: *What is sin?* A: *Sin is any lack of conformity to, or transgression of, the law of God.*



The Seriousness of Sin

Joshua 7:1-26

Israel's defeat at Ai displays five evidences of the seriousness of sin.

- 1 The seriousness of sin is seen in the _____ of sin.
- 2 The seriousness of sin is seen in the _____ of sin.
- 3 The seriousness of sin is seen in the _____ of sin.
- 4 The seriousness of sin is seen in the _____ of sin.
- 5 The seriousness of sin is seen in the _____ of sin.