

**DATE:** May 28th, 2023

**TITLE:** Series: For Your Joy  
Whatever Happened to Sin?

**SCRIPTURE:** 1 John 1:5-2:2

**SPEAKER:** Peter Bergeson

# FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

## OPENING PRAYER

**ICE BREAKER:** We often use the phrase "Be a Light". Explain what that means to you personally.

**THINK BACK:** Referring back to this week's sermon... What is the BIG IDEA of the Scripture AS IT WAS TAUGHT THIS WEEK? Was there anything that left you with questions?

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**Read 1 John 1:5-2:2**

1. When have you had to make your way in the dark?
2. How would you define sin?
3. What are some common ways people try to excuse their bad behavior?
4. Do you think non-Christians are aware of their own sin?
5. Is it possible for a Christian to reach a place where they never sin?
6. Usually, we rightly think of the cleansing that Jesus gives us as something that restores our fellowship with God. Verse 7 states something different. How is this true?

## SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- Psalm 32
- Psalm 51
- Micah 7:18-20
- John 3:16-21
- Romans 3:21-26
- 1 Cor 4:5
- Eph 5:6-14

## APPLICATION

Think about what most caught your attention in the text or discussion.

Why is God catching your attention with this at this point in your life?

What does God want you to know or do?

What's one thing from this text that you could say to an unbeliever about who God is?

## PRAYER

Ask people for specific prayer requests. Pray for needs and for applications of the text.

Ask for volunteers who would like to pray for those people and requests.

## SHEPHERDING

Check the roster and see who is not there. Does the group know why someone is not there? Are there needs that can be met by the group? Specific prayer requests? Ask for someone to reach out and say, "We missed you."

## REMINDERS

### Small Group Checklist

- Ask about ideas to serve in some way together. Serve 1x every six weeks or so.
- Encourage people to invite friends or neighbors to your group!! One way to reach 'out' together is to welcome people 'in.'
- Discuss childcare, if needed.
- Talk about any upcoming group meals or activities.

Check the bulletin, monthly newsletter and events page on the website for ways that you can get plugged in, as well as events here at FCC.

Here are a couple of those things:

**-Sign up on the events tab of the website to sell your "stuff" in our first annual Trunk Sale here at FCC on June 10th!**

-Our next Covenant Member meeting is June 4th. Interested in becoming a Covenant Member? Our next class is on July 29th!

**-We are looking for more people to join our Hospitality Team as well as our AV/Tech Crew. If you are interested, email [info@homeforever.org](mailto:info@homeforever.org).**