



Does It Really Matter?

Scripture: 1 John 1:8; Romans 6:1-14

Series: God Never Said That

The Lie: It doesn't matter _____ you _____, as long as you don't _____ anyone.

3 cultural misbeliefs about sin:

1. I'm not a _____.
 - 1 John 1:8
 - Other people are not the _____ to which we are _____.
 - Romans 3:10
2. _____ sin is the _____.
 - How we live has _____
 - Consequences on _____.
 - Consequences of _____.
3. Since I've already _____ it I might as well _____ on doing it.
 - Spiritual _____ is not about how much we _____ it's about how much we _____.
 - Sin is _____.
 - As you grow in spiritual _____ there is a shorter distance between _____ and _____.

Start talking.

- Share some “driving sin” stories—we’ve all got some road rage.
- Share some of your pet peeves that might lead to sinful actions.

Start thinking.

- Which is greater in your life: knowledge or obedience?
- Is there a sin you’re allowing to continue in your life?
- What choices are you making because you think they’re not really hurting anyone?
- What areas of your life are growing in the wrong direction?
- When you fight to overcome sin, what behaviors help you win?

Start sharing.

- Share a story of when you let yourself off the hook for a sin because you’re a “good person.”
- Tell a story of a time when you were tempted and God gave you a way out.
- What does God want you to do differently to overcome the sin that has held you hostage?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

God, I admit that I have a tendency to disobey, and I recognize that our world tolerate everything that is counter to your holy calling. I recognize that I have a different standard to live according to. And so I recognize and thank you for the fact that “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.” May I live into the power of your grace each day. And when I do sin, give me the power of your grace to recognize it, repent and live differently.

Start Doing:

- Create a plan within your group to provide appropriate accountability and support to each other starting this week .
- Read this seven-day Bible Plan about how to handle worry: go2.lc/temptation
- Memorize:
 - 1 Corinthians 10:13
 - 1 John 1:8-9
 - 1 Timothy 1:15-16