

## Sermon Discussion Guide - 10.17.21 - FLIP Part 3: The Most Important Decision of Your Life

**Scripture:** *Leader's Note: Below are some of the scriptures Pastor Jon used in this week's sermon. Consider sharing this list of scripture with your group in a follow-up email after your group meets as a recommendation for further study throughout the rest of the week. Attached is a simplified version of the discussion questions with the Scripture list that can be copy/pasted into an email.*

Main Scripture:

- 1 John 1:8-10

Supporting Scripture:

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- Proverbs 28:13
- 2 Peter 3:9
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- Hebrews 10:10
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### Discussion Questions:

*Leader's Note: If your time is limited, or your discussions run long, focus on the two check-marked bullet points, and within them, the bolded questions. We're highlighting the inclusion of scripture in your small group discussions to ensure we model getting into the Word being of utmost importance. Within these highlighted bullet points, you may not need to specifically hit each question. Often variations of these topics will be brought up as the discussion unfolds. Use your judgment and do what makes sense. In addition to the check-marked bullet points, as time allows, use only the remaining questions that fit your group dynamic best.*

- There are a lot of examples in the news today of people/organizations being caught for wrongdoing. There are also a lot of examples of public confessions. How does the world react to these revelations? How do you react to the sins of others that have been so publicly exposed?
- Have you ever feared what would happen if people found out about something wrong you have done?
- ✓ **Read 1 John 1:8-10.** What stands out to you most in this passage? **Why, and in what ways do we sometimes deceive ourselves about our own sin?** How do we sometimes try to convince others we are without sin?
- On Sunday, Pastor Jon called Biblical confession the most important decision of your life. He also said, the freedom we long for is on the other side of this decision. Do you agree? Have you experienced this? In what way?
- ✓ **Re-read 1 John 1:9. Also read Psalm 32:5 and Proverbs 28:13.** What do these verses tell us about why confession is so important? **What does God promise us when we confess? What kind of freedom does confession bring?**
- How does Biblical confession differ from the types of confessions we see public figures making? What makes it hard for us to confess our sins to God and to those close to us?
- *Leader's Note: Invite your group to think silently about the following questions. Encourage them to write down their answers to revisit later in personal reflection. Consider asking a group member to close in prayer after a few moments of silence.* Are there sins you've been hiding or deceiving yourself about? What do you need to confess to claim the freedom God promises?
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**Closing Prayer:**

- Ask God to show you what further action he his calling you to right now, and for the strength and courage to respond to his call.

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