

## Sermon Discussion Guide - 10.24.21 - FLIP Part 4: What if I Stumble?

**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:

- 1 John 1:7, 10
- 2 Corinthians 5:17
- John 16:8
- James 5:16
- John 11:10
- John 14:15-16, 26, 15:26-27
- Romans 12:2
- Psalm 1:1-3
- John 6:68
- 2 Timothy 1:7
- 1Corinthians 9:27
- Acts 1:8
- Matthew 5:14-16
- 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

### 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. In addition to the check-marked bullet points, as time allows, use only the remaining questions that fit your group dynamic best.*

- Have you ever made the same mistake twice? How did you feel about it?
- Have you ever committed the same sin multiple times? How do you feel about that? How do you think God feels about that?
- ✓ **Read 1 John 2:1-2 and John 14:15-16.** What stands out to you most in these passages? **What is the significance of Jesus and the Holy Spirit acting as our advocates? Why do we need advocates?**
- Why do you think God allows us to be tempted at all?
- ✓ **Read Corinthians 12:9-10.** Why does Paul say he will boast about his weaknesses? **What does it mean that God's power is made perfect in weakness? Have ever experienced God's strength/power in the midst of your own weakness?**
- Read James 5:16. What purpose do you think there is in confessing our sins/weaknesses/failures to each other?
- Does knowing you have advocates in Jesus and the Holy Spirit affect your personal response to your own inability to stop sinning? How so?
- What action is God calling you to take this week? How can your group be praying for you?

### Closing Prayer:

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

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

### Scripture:

Main Scripture:

- 1 John 1:8-10

Supporting Scripture:

- Psalm 32:5
- Proverbs 28:13
- 2 Peter 3:9
- 2 Corinthians 7:10
- Matthew 3:8
- John 5:8-9
- Hebrews 10:10
- 2 Corinthians 5:21

### Discussion Questions:

- 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?
- Are there sins you've been hiding or deceiving yourself about? What do you need to confess to claim the freedom God promises?
- What action is God calling you to take this week? How can your group be praying for you?