

Accepting Grace And Freedom

Step #1: Accept Our Sin

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Sin is simply anything that we **SAY, DO, or THINK** that goes against what God wants.

Our three responses to sin are to **DENY IT, RATIONALIZE IT, or CONFESS IT.**

Unconfessed sin **DESTROYS** our **RELATIONSHIP** with God
and leaves us with **GUILT** and **SHAME.**

Confessed sin **RESTORES** our **RELATIONSHIP** and brings
FORGIVENESS and **FREEDOM** from sin.

There is no sin greater than God's **FAITHFULNESS** and **JUSTICE.**

Step #2: Accept Our Consequences

1 John 2:3-8, Galatians 2:20, Romans 5:8-10

We daily walk in the truth of that **GRACE** and **FREEDOM.**

Then our obedience becomes a **RESPONSE** to **LOVE,**
not a **REQUIREMENT** to the **LAW.**

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and leaves us with _____ and _____.

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_____ and _____ from sin.

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Life Group Study Questions

For the week of January 14, 2024

WELCOME TO THE WINTER QUARTER OF LIFE GROUPS!

This week we kick off our Winter Life Group Quarter. Your first gathering is designed to give you time to get acquainted, enjoy a meal together and connect with each other, as well as time to discuss how to make your Life Group meetings great! The study questions have been shortened this week to allow ample time to accomplish all of this. To prepare for your first meeting, take some time to focus on the questions below and be prepared to share your answers with the group.

Online Groups - If your group is meeting online, your leaders will be sending you the link for your group. Use this link for tips on meeting with your group online: lifegroups.northcoastchurch.com/pro-tips/

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

One of the great parts of being in a Life Group is getting to know others better. Take a moment to jot down your answers to the questions below and be ready to share with your group.

- ⇒ Tell us about yourself ...
 - Would you rather flip a coin for the chance to win \$100 or immediately win \$50?
 - If you had to describe yourself as an animal, which one would it be?
 - What's the most interesting thing you can see out of your office or kitchen window?
- ⇒ As we start the new year, what are one or two things you're looking forward to in 2024?
- ⇒ Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

THE VISION OF 1 JOHN AND OUR CHECKMATE SERIES

We have just launched our new series in 1 John called "Checkmate." This week, we were offered an incredible reminder of the forgiveness Jesus has offered us and our need for it. In our first week in the series, we were given four powerful reasons 1 John was written to us. As you take another look at them below, which one catches your attention the most and why? Is there one you'd especially like to lean into as you start 2024?

A joy that can't be taken from us.

We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our joy complete. 1 John 1:3-4

A victory that sin has stolen from us.

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. 1 John 2:1

A truth that lies cannot lead us away from.

I am writing these things to you about those who are trying to lead you astray. 1 John 2:26

A promise of salvation that doubts can't deny.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. 1 John 5:13-14

LOOKING AHEAD

One of the key reasons we meet in Life Groups every week is to gain the encouragement and support we each need to “remain” and humbly follow and honor God in all we do. Before you go over the Life Group Commitment in your group, take a moment and write down your responses to the questions below.

What are you looking forward to in your Life Group this quarter?

Is there anything specific you need prayer for, or is there any other focus you would like to have to grow this next quarter?

THE PURPOSE OF LIFE GROUPS

Life Groups exist to promote spiritual maturity and personal growth through meaningful Christian relationships and the study of God’s Word. (Romans 8:29 & Hebrews 10:24-25). Here’s how it will happen:

SHARE

Each week we’ll take time to share what is happening in our lives. At first this sharing will include planned “sharing questions.” But after the first few weeks, it will become more informal and personal as we feel more comfortable.

STUDY

Each week we’ll study a section from God’s Word that relates to the previous weekend’s sermon or an appropriate personal growth topic. Our goal is to learn how to live out our Christianity in everyday life.

SUPPORT

Each week we’ll learn how to take care of one another as Christ commanded (John 15:9-13). This care can take many forms, such as prayer, encouragement, listening, challenging one another and meeting real needs.

SERVE

Spiritual growth is fostered not only by what we gain through the support and input of others, but also through service to others. The role each of us fills is important to the health of the church and for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the community in which we live (Ephesians 4:11-16). Throughout the quarter, it is our hope that you can find and/or be affirmed in the ways God has designed you to serve and make a difference in God’s Kingdom.



NORTH COAST WOMEN’S CONFERENCE | JANUARY 26-27

Join the women of North Coast Church in 2024 for this two-day event hosted at the Vista Campus. Featuring Megan Fate Marshman, a Disciple, Mom, Hope Sharer, Joy Spreader, Proclaimer of Christ. For more information or to sign up, visit northcoastchurch.com.



DESERT RAT EXPERIENCE | FEBRUARY 2-4

Attention, guys with desert toys! It’s time again for the Desert Rat Experience. This is a man’s weekend designed for guys who are into all kinds of off-roading and includes plenty of riding and eating. For more information or to sign up, visit northcoastchurch.com.