

Faith Family Worship Guide – Week 24

MEMORIZE

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 – Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

READ

Read 1 Corinthians 6:9-11.

For a second week in a row we are continuing to study the subject of church discipline. In the last Faith Family Worship Guide, we examined how someone who is continuing in unrepentant sin should be removed from the church so that they do not continue to negatively affect the whole body. When dealing with such individuals there exists a tendency to feel superior to them or even self-righteous that we are not sinning as they are. However, church discipline should always be carried out with an attitude of loving humility. This humility comes from recognizing and remembering that we have all been slaves to our sin, just as guilty as anyone else. It is only through the work of Christ in our lives that we have been forgiven and made clean. Therefore, our attitude toward anyone who is removed from our fellowship should be to desire and work to see them turn from their sin and self and trust in the saving power of Jesus Christ just as we have done.

Questions:

Could any of the sins listed in 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 have described you before?

How did you receive forgiveness for your sins?

What is the proper response we should have toward those we know who continue to sin?

Bottom Line: All sinners can only be forgiven and made clean by turning from their sin and trusting in Jesus.

SING

Let's continue to worship as we sing together, "Stronger". We recognize the sobering reality that sin is a struggle for every believer and it must not be swept under the rug, but rather we must confess our sins to God and to each other. Sometimes it's hard to open up and be real about the sins and idols we are holding on to, but if we humbly obey God and confess our sins there is great healing for our souls as God faithfully gives us the power to overcome the strong desires of the flesh. For we know and we can assuredly declare to God, "You are Stronger! Sin is broken! You have saved me!" Let's sing together!

Visit our website for a link to this song: www.brookhills.org/gathering/this_week.html.

SUGGESTIONS

These suggestions were created by the age-group ministry leaders as a way to help parents better communicate the biblical truths discussed in the Family Worship Guide. These suggestions are intended to help parents facilitate God-centered discussions with their children. Parents should prayerfully use these suggestions, and any other means necessary, to help their children discover the truths of God's word and worship him together.

Preschool

- Read 1 Cor. 6:9a with your preschooler, "Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God?"
- Tell your preschooler that this scripture from God's Word is about unrighteous people who will not inherit the kingdom of God if they do not turn away from their sin and bad choices and choose to trust in God. To be righteous means to believe and obey God. This pleases God. When people choose to keep on sinning and are unrighteous, then they are choosing to disobey God. This does not make God happy. This unrighteous behavior separates people from God.
- In last week's FFWG, we talked about how God knew we would have a sin problem, so He sent His Son, Jesus, from heaven to earth to die on the cross and take care of our sins. Remember that we are all born sinners. But God sent Jesus to make a way for us to live forever with Him in Heaven. God is good. God is loving. God wants to forgive our sin and bad choices.
- Tell your child that even though God hates our sin and bad choices, He still loves us very much. When we know about a friend who is choosing to sin, He wants us to tell this person that if they choose to stop sinning, turn away from their bad

choices, and trust in Jesus, He will forgive them. God wants us to tell them that there is only one way to be with Him forever in heaven and that is to trust in Jesus. God want us to tell them because we should love our friends like Jesus loves us.

- Let's pray and thank God for His love for us, for sending Jesus, and for the opportunity to share that love with our friends.

Children

- Read 1 Cor. 6:9a, "Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God?"
- Ask your child if they know what it means to be an "unrighteous" person. (It is a person who has not turned away from their sin and trusted Jesus as Savior and Lord.)
- Why do you think the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? (Remind them that God is holy, which means to be perfect and without sin; therefore the unrighteous, sinful person cannot be with perfect, holy God. So our unrepented sin separates us from God.)
- Ask them what it means to be a "righteous" person. (It is a person who has admitted they are a sinner, and has turned away from their sin and trusted Jesus as Savior and Lord.)
- Once we become righteous, does that mean that we are better than unrighteous people? No! We need to recognize that Jesus is the one who made us righteous. Without Jesus dying on the cross and paying the penalty for our sins, we would still be separated from God. So that does not give us the right to feel better than people who have not yet trusted Jesus as Savior and Lord.
- So how should we act towards unrighteous people? (We should be loving towards them and share with them how they can turn from their sin and self and trust in the saving power of Jesus Christ just as we have done. Even though God hates sin, He loves us and want to forgive our sin.)
- Remind your child that God want us to love our friends like Jesus loves us.
- Pray and thank God for His love and for forgiving us of our sins through Jesus. Pray that God will give us the opportunity to tell others about His love and forgiveness through Jesus.

Students

- Intro
 - Prep: Locate a user or safety manual.
 - Here is a link to one option: <http://www.nalc.org/depart/cau/pdf/manuals/el814.pdf>
 - The manual should be something that does not apply and is likely not of interest to your student(s).
 - Begin reading through the manual.
 - After a few minutes, ask your student(s) if they are paying attention.
 - Have they begun thinking about something else?
 - Does this manual apply to them in any way?
 - Many times, when we are confronted with things that do not (or we think do not) apply to us, we stop paying attention. We miss what is happening.
- Discussion
 - It can be easy for us to distance ourselves from things when we feel like they don't apply to us.
 - When we do that, we can begin to think negatively about those it does apply to.
 - This can be true of sin also.
 - Read 1 Corinthians 6:9-11.
 - When you first read the sins listed in vs. 9-10, do you think about yourself?
 - Is it easy to quickly read through the list and not really examine your life?
 - Read the summary of the passage in the *Read* section above.
 - When thinking about sin, we can remove ourselves from the affects sin has had in our lives and become self-righteous.
 - What does it mean to be self-righteous?
 - How is humility different than self-righteousness?
 - In the *Read* section above, how do we guard against self-righteousness?
 - Sin affects all of us.
 - All sin is against God.
 - All sin is deserving of punishment.
 - How can we be forgiven of our sin rather than punished?
- Application
 - What should our attitude be toward those who are living in unrepentant sin? (What does unrepentant mean?)
- How can we walk alongside of someone who is not seeking Christ?