



Life Group Discussion Guide

August 24: 1 John 1:8-2:2 --- Self-Deception

Icebreaker Options:

- Describe a time when you tried to hide something (*not something sinful*) about which you were embarrassed.
- Share a story about a 2- or 3-year-old looking you right in the eye and pushing straight forward into the just defined "no, don't do that territory."

Discussion Questions:

1. Read:
 - a. **Genesis 1:27** (*We are created in God's image.*)
 - b. **Genesis 3:2-7** (*Eyes were opened. Knew good from evil.*)
 - c. **1 John 1:8-2:2** (*Claiming to be without sin is a lie.*)
2. Think of a sin where you told *yourself* lies about it. Describe the lies/deception to the group (sharing the sin is optional). Was the deception just to yourself or did it extend to your relationships too?
3. Sin Stealth - **Read Romans 3:22-23** and **1 John 1:8**.
 - a. What causes us to want to hide our mistakes / our sin?
 - b. What are the symptoms / characteristics of sin stealth?
 - c. What are we trying to accomplish when we hide our sin?
4. Read **Romans 6:23**. From your perspective, describe how sin leads to death.
 - a. How does it poison Christian friendships?
 - b. How does it poison non-Christian friendships?
 - c. How does it poison family relationships?
 - d. How does it poison our relationship with God?
 - e. How does it poison us?

5. Dave stated that sin imprisons us. How does sin imprison us? Describe the process of becoming imprisoned in as much detail as you can with as much personal experience as is comfortable. Try to start with, "this is what happened/happens to me...."
6. **Core question: What does God want us to do with sin? Read 1 John 1:8 - 2:2 and then read verse 9 again.**
 - a. Why do you think confessing sin is freeing?
 - b. What does it do to your relationships when you confess?
7. Write down 1 to 3 things you need to confess to God. As a group, allow 5 minutes for people to pray by themselves to:
 - a. Confess in prayer to God what was written. Again, this is personal prayer, not group prayer.
 - b. Ask God to forgive the sins through Jesus.
 - c. Ask God for help in overcoming the sin (repenting/turning away from it).
 - d. Ask God for wisdom in getting assistance with the repentance, if needed.
 - e. Have an attitude of laying yourself bare before God with acknowledgement of His power.
8. What does Jesus do with our sin and how does it alter our relationship with God? Find and read/discuss 3 or 4 passages that describe how Jesus alters our relationship with God. Starter verses: Romans 5:9-11

What's Happening in the Life of Legacy:

More details on these events can be found at lcc.org/whats-happening

All Campus

- **Advance the Kingdom:** We have exciting news in the life of Legacy! We want everyone to go "All In" on Project Advance. Learn more here: <https://lcc.org/advance/>
- **Legacy Moms: Begins Sept 9.** 9:15 – 10:45am every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at the OP Campus.

Local Serving Opportunities to Share with Your Group:

These are the serving requests we have received over the past few weeks!

Shelter KC – For more info, contact Andi at aehrhardt@shelterkc.org.

- Top needs: gently used or new men's & women's t-shirts and lightweight jackets, shower items, deodorant, razors, cases of bottled water, men's non-dress shoes, men's undershirts

The Single Mom KC – For more info, contact Michelle at michelle@thesinglemomkc.org.

- New volunteer positions: General Administrative (in-person and virtual); Newsletter Communications (virtual); Advertising Liaison (virtual); Secretarial (in-person and virtual); Group Serve Liaison (virtual and possibly in-person); Volunteer Scheduling (virtual); Volunteer Engagement (virtual and possibly in-person); Volunteer Hours Assistant (virtual); Background Check Liaison (virtual); Office and Boutique Host (in-person); Boutique Host (in-person)