



Series: Courageous Choices: Sweating the Small Stuff

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Life Group Discussion Questions:

1. Thinking back on this week's sermon, was there a particular point or passage that challenged you, confused you, or caught your attention?
2. Read **Joshua 6:18**. Pastor Derek said in the sermon, "It's not just about obeying God up front; it's about obeying Him throughout." Name some people in the Bible who obeyed up front but not throughout their life. Next, name people who were faithful all their life?
3. The big idea in this sermon was, "small sins" will derail your progress. Have group members share some ways they have seen this in their own Christian life.
4. We learned that, "You are most vulnerable to sin after spiritual successes." Read the following passages: **Proverbs 11:2; Proverbs 17:19; Proverbs 18:12; Proverbs 26:12; Proverbs 29:23**. Have groups members share what areas of their life they have had success in that they need to stay focused on God for continued victory.
5. The second point of the sermon was, Your sin not only affects you, but those around you. Have group members share ways they have affected others with their own sin (at home, work, school, church, community, life group).
6. We learned that sin follows a predictable pattern of seeing, coveting, taking and hiding. What would be some modern day "high profile" examples in the everyday world of this pattern?
7. This Sunday's service was called "Decision Sunday". Have the group members share any decisions that they made and pray for them to have victory through the power of Jesus Christ.

Prayer: Have group members follow the "ACTS" prayer method in relation to the struggle we all have with sin.

- **ADORATION:** acknowledge and praise God for his holiness
- **CONFESSION:** pray desperately, identify the sin and repent
- **THANKSGIVING:** thank God for sending his Son to pay the penalty for your sin
- **SUPPLICATION:** ask God to remove any specific sin or potential sin in your life

Related Song: Consider reading the lyrics or playing part of the song, "O Come to the Altar," by Elevation Worship.

Memory Verse: **Psalm 139:23-24** *Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!*