

## Community Group Discussion Questions

“Unknown Sin” Psalm 51:10-12, I John 1:9, Psalm 139:23-4 April 6, 2019

### Getting Started

We serve a God that forgives all sin when we seek forgiveness and confess it. There is a freedom found in making known what you tried to keep unknown. God declares you fully known, but yet full loved.

### Going Deeper:

#### 1. You are Fully Known

- a. **Camouflage Effect: Rationalized** (Genesis 3:8) We often try and cover up or hide our sin, but as we know from this passage, the Lord always knows where we are at and where we have been.
- b. **Cover-UP effect: Justified** (Joshua 7:19-20) Achan coveted the silver and gold and literally covered it up in his tent. **Have you ever tried to cover up something that you did? How did that end up?**
- c. **Concealer Effect: Capitalized** (2 Samuel 12:12) David didn't wake up one day and decide to have an affair and ultimately commit murder. When you reflect on that story, David was not where he was supposed to be as a king during that season. Kings in the spring season went to war. David stayed home. He tried to conceal his affair by having Uriah killed in battle. It never ends well for us as believers when we try to conceal our sin. The Lord will have his way and our sin will come to the surface. **Can you remember a time when the Lord brought to the open what you tried to conceal?**
- d. **Tensor Effect: Moralized** (John 8:6-8) We will never truly know what Jesus wrote on the ground that day. Many have speculated, but what we know is that the older men there took notice and were the first to leave. The reality of this is that no one is without sin.

**Numbers 32:23** “be sure your sin will find you out.”

When we choose to not deal with our sins privately, God will choose to deal with our sins publicly.

## 2. You are Fully Loved

- a. **Confession caused Holiness:** (I John 1:9) Understand that when we confess our sin nature to Jesus and prayed to receive him as Lord, our sins past, present, and future were forgiven. When you think about this verse, the reason we continue to see the Lord's forgiveness daily is for our personal relationship with him. Its for the benefit of reconciling the relationship. You may have a spouse that you love unconditionally. When they mess up, that unconditional love is not in question, however in order to be reconciled, one must seek that forgiveness, and in turn it restores the relationship.

Can you think of a time, when you were stubborn and didn't to seek forgiveness about a situation or you thought you were totally right, and because of the lack of communication between you and the other party, there was an awkward rift between the two of you? What did it take for this to get fixed? How has the relationship strengthened or weakened?

B. **Confession cultivates Humility** (James 4:6)

C. **Confession causes Healing** (James 5:16)

D. **Confession compels Habitudes** (Titus 2:7)

Look at these verses above and discuss amongst yourselves how confession does these things.

**Proverbs 28:13:** "Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them obtains mercy."

Choosing to operate in confession before God ushers in the compassion of God

Pastor Ed had an X on the stage. This X is a call to ask God to x-ray our souls to reveal the "unknown". (**Psalm 139:23-24**)

On your own time tonight or tomorrow, spend some time in solitude, praying that God would reveal the "unknown" sin in your heart. Listen to the Holy Spirit, and when that sin is brought to mind, bring that before the Lord and truly repent from it.