

## **LIFE LESSONS – Making It Live**

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### **Rescued**

**What do you think it means to be “rescued from sin”?** When you think of your salvation, do you have a sense of being rescued? Christians sometimes give in to the pressures of sin by giving reasons why they don’t or can’t resist sin. What is your understanding of how the Lord wants you to understand His perspective on sin in your life? **Discuss:** Jesus rescued you from falling into the hands of a just God who cannot allow sin within a million miles of His Holy presence. Discuss how you could explain to someone that they can be rescued from sin or cause them to see that they even need to be rescued from sin?

### **Agreeing with God**

**As a Christian believer, how important is it for us to know and agree with God about sin?**

**Discuss** how we can respond to the temptations and sin in our lives. How do we look at sin according only how you (and/or your culture) view sin? How can we have God’s view of sin?

**Discuss:** What we feel and think have little to do with the reality of God’s nature, His commands or His standards. God loathes sin because it killed His Son and our personal sins made us enemies of God. Can you share some scriptures that would give you a basis for God’s view of sin in your life?

### **Conviction of sin - Psalm 32:1-4**

**When you sin, do you have a sense of conviction for the commission of that sin?** If not, what does Scripture have to say about this? **Discuss:** When we try to hide our sins from others and from God, we dry up spiritually. If a person has not truly asked Jesus Christ to forgive him of his sin, then there will be no conviction by the Holy Spirit. A person may feel guilty or have some remorse but not be convicted. Why is it important to understand our conviction in regard to sin. Are you a “true believer” in Jesus Christ and His sacrifice on the cross for sin? If someone has questions about this (which most people do), share why it is important to talk with a spiritual leader or pastor to resolve these important issues.

### **Confession of sin – Psalm 32:5**

**What do you understand is the Biblical definition of confession of sin and repentance?** Can one occur without the other? Repentance is a change of heart, attitude, actions, thought patterns and vocabulary. **Read Luke 15.** Jesus speaks of God’s love for sinners who confess and repent of their sins. Why do you think it is essential that we understand God’s perspective on the right way to deal with sin in our lives? Why do you think it is so difficult for us to confess our sins? When will temptation and sin no longer be a part of a Christian’s life?

### **Cleansed of sin – Psalm 32:6-7. 11**

**Can you think of some reasons that God says it is important for a person to be cleansed of sin?** What are some of the questions that Satan will torment with in dealing with the areas of conviction of sin, confession of sin and being cleansed of sin? What are we to do when faced with these areas of spiritual warfare? Psalm 32:11 says that as a result of trusting the Lord and accepting His loving-kindness (forgiveness), we are to “Be glad in the Lord and rejoice and shout for joy.” **Discuss:** The result of the process of conviction, confession, and cleansing is joy – knowing, feeling and living out the truth that the burden of sin has been lifted from our hearts through Christ’s sacrifice and our trust in Him! May you rejoice in Him today!

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