

HIDDEN Things

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

KEEP IN MIND

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HIDDEN SIN

ICE BREAKER

What is the greatest breakfast item of all time?

OVERVIEW

“Today, we’re talking about sin, but not just any sin; hidden sin. This is something that scripture talks a lot about. The major problem with hidden sin (or secret sin) is that it lives in an environment where it can flourish - the dark. When sin gets left unconfessed, it begins to grow bigger and bigger until it’s something that we can no longer control - then it begins to control us. Today, we’re going to discuss the power in confessing our sins to God and to trusted Christians. Not only does God forgive us when we repent and are honest about our brokenness, but He also gives us the strength to overcome.”

ANCHOR VERSE

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

1 John 1:9

QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think sin grows best in the dark?
2. Why do you think confession is so important? *Read 1 John 1:9 again and discuss.*
3. Why do you think it’s important to confess to fellow Christians? *Read James 5:16 and discuss.*
4. What scares you the most about confession?
5. Do you think conviction by the Holy Spirit is good? *Read 2 Corinthians 7:9-10 and discuss.*

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HIDDEN POWER

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You forgot to brush your teeth and put on deodorant but only have time to do one. Which one do you choose?

OVERVIEW

“Today we are talking about Hidden Power; the Holy Spirit and the power He provides. The Holy Spirit is more than just speaking in tongues. Tongues is just one of many powerful things the Holy Spirit provides. Acts 1:8 shows us His help in being a witness; John 14:26 shows the Holy Spirit as a Helper who teaches and reminds; John 16:7-8 shows us that the Holy Spirit convicts the world of Sin. These are just a few examples of what the Holy Spirit provides.”

ANCHOR VERSE

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Acts 1:8

QUESTIONS

1. How do you see the Holy Spirit helping you live the Christian life? Acts 1:8
2. What are some ways you feel the Holy Spirit in your life?
3. With the help of the Holy Spirit what are some practical ways you can witness?
4. What can you do this week and in the future to become more led by the Holy Spirit? 1 John 3:24
5. What attributes of the Holy Spirit do you feel you have or lack? Galatians 5:22-23

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HIDDEN POTENTIAL

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Greatest super hero and why?

OVERVIEW

Today we are talking about potential and calling, all through out scripture it talks about your potential, each one of us has a Specific call meant for only us. A lot of times we let the outside world keep us in fear and we keep our calling/potential locked behind closed doors. Every locked door is different. Fear, depression, anger, insecurity, doubts whatever it may be. Let's let God unlock those doors and step out into our potential!

ANCHOR VERSE

19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "**Peace be with you!**" 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. 21 Again Jesus said, "**Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.**"

John 10:19-21

QUESTIONS

1. What is your locked door?
2. Do you believe you have purpose? (We ALL have purpose) If they know what their's is, encourage them to share. Read Jeremiah 29:11.
3. What scares you the most about your future?
4. What excites you the most about your future?
5. Are the people you hang out with helping your walk with Christ according to Proverbs 13:20 & Proverbs 18:24? (Read and discuss)

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