

DISCUSSION GUIDE

WHY DO PEOPLE SIN?

Mark — Week 32

ICEBREAKER: What is the basis of your standard of right and wrong?

OVERVIEW: Sin is the greatest problem in the world, and in each of our lives. So what's the cure? The only way to find a cure is to first discover the cause. And that's what we find in Mark 7, where Jesus teaches the source of sin — the heart. In this discussion we will go deeper with how to apply this truth to our lives and relationships.

1. **Read Mark 7:14-23.** What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. Apart from salvation in Jesus Christ, the human heart is hopelessly sinful. It is inclined to sin, and does not seek God, or do what is good. What light do the following verses shed on the nature of the unregenerate heart?
 - Genesis 6:5-7
 - Psalm 51:5
 - John 2:23-25
 - Ephesians 4:17-19
 - Titus 3:3

3. Do people sin because they are sinners, or are people sinners because they sin?
4. Read Titus 3:3-7. What does God do in us to cure us from sin?
5. How should knowing the source of sin affect the way you raise your kids?
6. How should it affect the way you relate to unbelievers?
7. How does knowing the source of sin change the way you look at the world's problems?
8. If non-Christians sin because they have sinful hearts, why do Christians sin?

The Last Word: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away, and look, new things have come."
2 Corinthians 5:17