

## Caring for one another: Helping each other when we sin

**While waiting to begin:** Today we're thinking about responding to sin in one another's lives. How do each of these scriptures help us approach sin biblically? (both sin in our lives, and in others')

- 1 John 1:8-9
- Psalm 51:4
- Matthew 5:29-30
- 1 Peter 4:8
- 1 Corinthians 1:4-8 (especially v4 and v8)

### 3 things to remember about every Christian (including ourselves!)

Saint

Sufferer

Sinner

### Thinking biblically about sin in Christian people

*\* Wise conversations will talk about sin. \**

Q: Can you think of scripture examples (or other passages) where we see someone helping another person deal with their sin?

1 Corinthians 1:4-8 = See

1 John 1:8 = We're all

1 John 1:9 = The Lord is

1 Peter 4:8 = Love

Psalm 51:4 = Sin is firstly

Matthew 5:29-30 = Sin is

### Talking wisely about sin: some tips...

- Say something! Don't do nothing!
- "We" more than "you"
- Questions more than exhortations
- Talk about the Lord... and to the Lord
- Grace is not just for other people!

### Discussion with a neighbour

Why do we find it hard to share our own sin? Why do we find it hard to respond to another Christian's sin?

We won't be speaking to others about sin every day! But if we love, there will be times when talking of sin and temptation is necessary. Do you have concerns about this? Are there particular ways you hope to grow in it?

### Think about on your own

One goal for all God's people is to be able to identify one area of sin and see how this sin is personal. Can you name one? Do you confess it to the Lord? Do you know the joy of forgiveness? Is there someone else who know your struggle? If there is secret sin, whom will you speak to about it?