



"Best Summer Ever – Serious Business"

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INTRODUCTION

Jeremiah reminds us that followers of Jesus take sin seriously. And often sin is a result of our doubts about God's power to meet our needs.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read Mark 8:34-35-What does it mean to be a disciple? And how do we *take up our cross*?
2. Jeremiah talked about the sin of omission. Has God ever asked you to do something that you knew you would be sinning if you didn't?
3. Read Mark 9:42-First reason followers of Jesus take sin seriously is because **Sin Splashes**. Do you think that is true? Why?
4. Read Mark 9:43-47- What do you think Jesus is trying to tell us?
5. The second reason we should take sin seriously is because **Sin Grows Roots**. Talk about what that means.
6. Third reason followers of Jesus take sin seriously is because **Sin Consumes**. How do you think that happens?
7. Talk about the **3 Ways to Take Sin Seriously**:
 - Decide sin is not an option.
 - Submit to a spiritual heart exam.
 - Confess and invite accountability

CHALLENGE

Read through the Gospel of Mark each week throughout this series. YES—that means the challenge is to read through the gospel several times in a row!

COMMIT TO MEMORY

Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. *Mark 8:34-35*

PRAYER

Share prayer requests and pray for one another.