



Week of May 23, 2021

Discussion Questions:

1. Children are quick to avoid responsibility and point blame to someone else. Talk about a time when that happened to you? Do you observe adults handling this differently than children? How?
2. Paul said, "Your best bet to be better for it in the future is to own your piece of the past." What is a situation from the past in which you struggle owning your piece?
3. Read I John 1:8. How does claiming to be without sin (blaming) show we are deceived and void of truth? Can you name an instance when blaming turned out to be good for you?
4. In John's gospel, he told a story of those who accused a woman. Read John 8:3-8. When we are tempted to shift the blame to others, how do Jesus' words help bring us to His perspective?
5. Read 1 John 1:9. How is confession directly related to cleaning our heart? What is the Holy Spirit's role of purifying and cleansing us? Why is that dependent on our confession?

6. What specific action or conversation will you take this week to own your piece of your past. Write it down. How can this group pray for you and encourage you?

Moving Forward

Confession often feels like starting over, and none of us want to do that. But when it comes to owning our past, the best way to freedom is to do just that. Next time can be better than last time, because you have an intentional plan to be better for it.

1 John 1:8-9

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he (God) is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.