

Church Perks

The Enemy of Deception (Confession), James 5:16

July 12, 2020

Community Group Discussion Questions

PLEASE READ BEFORE LEADING DISCUSSION

- Recommended questions are highlighted in bold, but **select 5 or 6 questions** you think will work best for your group discussion. You likely won't have time to discuss all of the questions so choose which questions you will ask ahead of time and make sure to provide plenty of time to focus on the application questions.
- Feel free to edit or reword questions to best fit your group.
- You may want to share the link to these questions with everyone so they can follow along with the questions as you read them.
- Check out this Facilitation Guide (<http://bit.ly/CGFacilitationGuide>) for tips on leading good discussions.

ICEBREAKER (5-10 Minutes)

1. Share your name and answer the following question:
 - Who has been one of your closest friends in childhood or as an adult?

OPENING THE DISCUSSION (5-10 Minutes) – Have someone recap the message in about a minute or two and then ask the following questions:

2. **As you reflect on Sunday's message, what one principle or insight stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful, or difficult to grasp?**
3. **Graham encouraged us toward two types of confession: 1. Confession to God 2. Confession to others.**
 - What happens if we skip one of those types of confession?

DIGGING DEEPER (10 Minutes) – ask everyone to follow along in their Bible or Bible app. You might consider pulling up these passages online and sharing your screen to review them together.

4. **Read James 5:13-16.**
 - **What stand out to you from this passage?**
 - What are some ways the church can make it easier to confess our sins to each other?
5. Read Psalm 32:1-5.
 - What can we learn from this passage about the consequences of concealing our sin?
 - What can we learn from this passage about the benefits of confession?

APPLYING IT (10-20 Minutes)

6. **What is your biggest takeaway from this message? What do you want to remember or do differently?**