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DISCUSSION GUIDE BY SMALL GROUPS LEADERSHIP TEAM

# WELCOME HOME

## PART II

**SANDALS CHURCH IS THE HOME FOR YOU IF...**

**YOU ARE READY TO BE REAL WITH YOURSELF**

*And why worry about a speck in your friend's eye when you have a log in your own? How can you think of saying to your friend, 'Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,' when you can't see past the log in your own eye? Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend's eye. Matthew 7:3-5 NLT*

*Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place. Psalm 51:6 NIV*

**DISCUSSION:** In what ways are you putting on a mask so that others won't know the real you? What steps are you taking to hide the truth about your sin?

**DISCUSSION:** How are you projecting your sin onto others? In what way do you make your struggles other people's struggles?

**WHAT IS MY LOG?**

**Anger**..... Ephesians 4:31 NIV

**Pride**..... Proverbs 16:5 ESV

**Lying**..... Proverbs 12:22 GNT

**Envy**..... James 3:16 NKJV

**Greed**..... Colossians 3:5 NLT

**Fear**..... Isaiah 8:13 NLT

**Gluttony**..... Ezekiel 16:49 NLT

**Lust**..... Colossians 3:5 NLT

**Laziness**..... Ezekiel 16:49 NLT

**AT SANDALS WE CALL THESE CORE SINS BECAUSE THEY ARE...**

- **CORE TO WHO WE ARE AS INDIVIDUALS**
- **A KEY TO UNDERSTANDING OUR PERSONAL STRUGGLES**

**DISCUSSION:** What is the sin with which you are struggling? What needs to be removed from your life?

**DOES BECOMING A CHRISTIAN ERASE MY CORE SIN?**

**DISCUSSION:** What is your core sin? Ask your leader if you don't know what it is.

*This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! 2 Corinthians 5:17 NLT*

**MY B-DAY** -----  
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**MY B-AGAIN DAY** -----  
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**JUSTIFICATION  
GLORIFICATION**

**SANTIFICATION**

*If you are guided by the Spirit, you won't obey your selfish desires. The Spirit and your desires are enemies of each other. They are always fighting each other and keeping you from doing what you feel you should. Galatians 5:16-17 CEV*

**DISCUSSION:** Where are you living in conflict between your physical life and your spiritual life? What is your spiritual cancer?

*For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. Romans 7:18 ESV*

**SO WHAT DO WE DO?**

**1. STOP ACTING LIKE YOUR LIFE IS PERFECT**

**2. IDENTIFY YOUR CORE SIN**

**3. CONFESS YOUR STRUGGLE WITH A MATURE CHRISTIAN LEADER**

**4. KEEP BELIEVING GOD WILL CHANGE YOU**

*And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.*

Philippians 1:6 NLT

**PRAYER PROJECT:** Take 5-7 minutes to be alone with God. Have a conversation with Him about your core sin. Ask Him to specifically show you ways in which it manifests in your life.

Now get into groups of 2-3 people and share your confession about your core sin. Be specific about the ways it manifests in your life. Pray for one another, offering forgiveness to one another, and seek healing.