

# Small Group Study Guide — February 28, 2016

## Getting Started (15 minutes)

This week the calendar changes to March...that means turning the clock ahead, spring officially arriving, and Easter! What are you most looking forward to in the coming month?

## Talking It Through (25 minutes)

1. Re-read the text, I John 5:16-17, and review your notes from Sunday's sermon. How would you summarize the sermon in a couple of sentences? What were the main points?
2. Pastor Jay mentioned a number of stories from the Bible that emphasize how seriously God takes sin. Which of those stories speaks most clearly to you?
3. A Bonus Question (not covered in the sermon): Why does God take sin more seriously than we do? Any thoughts on that?
4. How do you reconcile "totally forgiven" with God's discipline in the life of a believer? What happens when we emphasize one of these elements and minimize the other?

## Going Deeper (10 minutes)

Take the time to browse some of the texts listed in the sermon notes that we didn't have time to cover on Sunday. What do you learn about God by observing how seriously He takes sin?

## Taking It Home (10 minutes)

According to I Corinthians 11 we are to examine ourselves as we come to a time of remembering Christ in communion. How do YOU do that? What are some other ways in which a follower of Jesus might practice the discipline of self-examination?

## Time to PRAY (10 minutes)

(Or do this at the beginning of your group time)  
Take time to share prayer requests that relate to the people in your group, and then pray for those needs.

**Sobering Truth About Serious Sin**  
I John 5:16-17    Pastor Jay Mosser

**Next Sunday:**

**March 6, 2016**

"Three Things I Know for Sure"  
I John 5:18-21 (Pastor Jay Mosser)