

Sin

Our desire in Chi Alpha is not to be continually introspective, always dwelling on our sinfulness, but rather focusing on our Savior, His finished work on the cross, and the new life we have been given. Each of us has been given a glorious opportunity to be conformed to the image of Christ and see the fruit of the Spirit in our lives.

At the same time, it's important that we understand the reality of our sinfulness, the nature of sin and its consequences in our lives. Today, the word "sin" is considered by many, ironically, to be taboo. It is looked upon as old fashioned to call something a sin. The purpose of this lesson is to clear up some common false conceptions about sin and define it clearly according to the Bible.

Step 1. Ask members to develop their own definition of sin and find a dictionary definition of sin and bring those definitions to small group.

Step 2. Read "Sin: What It is and What It is Not".

Step 3. Read and study discussion notes.

Step 4. Small group meeting

Ideas and possible questions

- 1 Compare group's definitions of sin with definitions in discussion notes. (notice the selfish nature of sin)
- 2 Examine false concepts of sin and discuss whether or not they are believed among you and your peers.
- 3 Ask "how should our lives be different from others on campus?"

Resource: "Sin: What It is and What It is Not", by George Otis Jr.